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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

TRIAL OF THE EX-KAISER.

STRONG ALLIED NOTE TO HOLLAND.

POINTED OBJECTION TO WILHELM'S PRESENCE IN EUROPE.

London, February 16.

The Powers' reply to the Netherlands Government Note regarding the ex-Kaiser points out the immense sacrifices they have made in general interests during the war, which entitle them to ask for a reconsideration of the refusal of extradition, based on weighty but entirely personal considerations of a State which has remained aloof from the war and cannot perhaps appreciate quite accurately all the present duties and dangers of the present hour.

The Powers emphasize the very grave political effects to which the relinquishment of the claims of justice against the ex-Kaiser, give rise, and renew their demand. They point out that the request does not depend upon the Dutch Municipal Law and no question of prestige is at stake. The Powers pay as much heed to the conscientious sentiments of a State with limited interests as to the mature decision of the Great Powers and say the contemplated trial would prepare the way for a world tribunal competent to examine international crimes and demonstrate the unanimity of feeling animating the conscience of all nations.

The Powers point out that the Netherlands apparently does not consider that it shares with other civilised nations the duty of securing punishment of the crimes for which William of Hohenzollern undeniably bears a heavy responsibility. They dwell on the influential and representative character of the Note demanding the surrender and say surely the Netherlands have not forgotten that the policy and personal action of the man required for judgment cost the lives of approximately ten millions, murdered in the prime of life and were responsible for the mutilation and shattered health of thrice that number, for the devastation and destruction of millions of square miles of territory in countries formerly industrious, peaceable and happy, and for the piling up of war debts running into billions, of which the victims are men who defended their freedom and, incidentally, Holland's.

The Reply proceeds to point out that the economic and social existence of the nations thrown into confusion are now jeopardised by famine and want—terrible results of the war of which William the Second was the author. The Allies cannot conceal their surprise in not finding in the Dutch reply a single word of disapproval of the crimes committed by the Emperor—crimes which outrage the most elementary sentiments of humanity and civilisation, and of which in particular so many Dutch nationals themselves have been innocent victims on the high seas.

The Reply refers to the reactionary manifestations which have followed Holland's refusal and the dangerous encouragement given to the opponents of a just chastisement of the culprits, whatever their social position.

The Powers remind Holland that if she persists in the refusal she will assume direct responsibility for sheltering a criminal and for that propaganda so dangerous to Europe and the whole world. It is indisputable that the permanent presence of the ex-Emperor, under fatally ineffectual supervision, at a few kilometres' distance from the German frontier, where he continues to be a centre of active and increasing intrigue, constitutes, for the Powers that made superhuman sacrifices to destroy this mortal danger, a menace that they cannot be called on to accept.

The Powers declare that the rights they possess in virtue of the most express principle of the Law of Nations entitle them and make it their duty to take such measures as are required for their own security. The Powers cannot conceal the painful impression caused by Holland's refusal to hand over the ex-Emperor without considering the possibility of reconciling Holland's scruples with effectual precautionary measures either on the spot or by holding the ex-Emperor at a distance from the scene of his crimes, making it impossible for him to exert a disastrous influence in Germany in the future. Such a proposal would not have afforded proof of the feelings which Holland must possess. The Powers urge on Holland, in a most solemn and pressing manner, the importance of attaching fresh consideration to the request and emphasise how grave the situation might become if Holland were not in a position to give those assurances which the safety of Europe imperatively demands.

GERMAN WAR CRIMINALS.

ALLIES AGREE TO TRIAL IN GERMANY.

London, February 16.

The Supreme Council has issued its reply to the German Note of Jan. 25th, which set out the grave, political and economic consequences likely to arise from the surrender of War Criminals. The Powers record Germany's declaration of an inability to carry out the Peace Treaty in regard to surrender and accordingly they reserve the power to employ the rights which the Treaty accords to them. The Allies' note the German offer immediately to open penal proceedings before the Supreme Court at Leipzig against all whose extradition has been notified, also the undertaking that the Court will be under the most complete guarantees and unaffected by other German judgments or court practice. It points out that the offer accords with the expressly mentioned provision of Article 228 to the Treaty. The Allies, therefore, accept the offer but reserve the right to decide by results of whether Germany acts in good faith and associates herself in punishing the crimes committed. The Allies, however, intend to appoint a mixed Inter-Allied Commission to collect evidence in support of charges against the accused. The Powers reserve the right to decide whether Germany's proposed procedure does not result in the accused's escape from a just punishment, in which case they will exercise their full rights by submitting the cases to the own tribunals.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S BOMBHELL.

ALLIES' UNCOMPROMISING REPLY.

London, February 16.

The dramatic decisions of the Allied Conference in London last week regarding the fate of the ex-Kaiser and war criminals, as well as the future of Constantinople, followed by President Wilson's bombshell which threatens to torpedo the proposed Jugo-Slav settlement, have stirred the world deeply and are regarded in some quarters as an indication that revisions of the Treaty of Versailles may eventually be necessary.

President Wilson's Note is described by his intimates in Washington as indicative of a recovery of the President's vigor and determination to intervene in affairs most actively.

It is understood that President Wilson's Note is a long document of eight typewritten pages and is addressed to the British and French Governments, but not to Italy. President Wilson examines the differences between the Memorandum of December 9, to which he agreed, and the Paris compromise of January 29. He declares that if the compromise is adhered to, the United States might be obliged to withdraw from the Treaty of Versailles.

The nature of the reply to President Wilson's memorandum is not disclosed, but it is known to be uncompromising, emphasising the complete agreement between Britain, France and Italy, not merely on the subject of the Adriatic but on all questions before the Conference.

MR. BONAR LAW'S DENIALS.

London, February 16.

In the House of Commons, replying to Lord Robert Cecil, Mr. Bonar Law deprecated premature publication or discussion of part of the peace settlement, which would make the work of the Peace Conference much more difficult. He declared that the reports that the Allies have abandoned their demand for the surrender of the German war criminals, that the United States has dissented from the proposals of the Allies regarding the Adriatic settlement, and that the Allies have decided to leave the Turks in possession of Constantinople are absolutely unauthorised. He announced that the new Allied Note with regard to war criminals had been sent to Germany and would be published as soon as received in Germany.

DRAFT NOT COMPLETE.

London, February 16.

The Supreme Council at Downing Street to-day discussed the Turkish question, in connection with which M. Venizelos attended and stated Greece's case, and also the disputed draft reply to President Wilson's Note with reference to the Adriatic. The draft is not yet completed and the forecasts thereof which have been published will probably be found to be inaccurate. It is understood that President Wilson's letter was not a gratuitous intervention but was in the nature of a reply to the Note from the Conference outlining the provisional decisions and the reasons therefor.

DRAFTING THE TURKISH TREATY.

London, February 17.

The Supreme Council having fully discussed the Turkish question, the drafting of the Treaty is now proceeding. The reply to President Wilson will be handed to the Ambassador to-night.

AMERICAN INSPIRATION NEEDED.

London, February 17.

Speaking at a Primrose League meeting, and alluding to the American situation, Lord Curzon said it was not our business to interfere in America's domestic difficulties, but America had her difficulties. As a member of the great fraternity of nations, let us not say one word to aggravate them. Nothing would be more deplorable than that at the present moment America should withdraw her influence from the concert of nations. We wanted from America that detachment of public opinion, that stimulus of fresh ideas and that inspiration of high ideals which she had been able to communicate to this Continent. He hoped we might still continue to receive the inspiration of those ideas, and that nothing would happen to prevent America from joining with us in the overwhelming task of reconstructing the peace and stability of the world.

TAX ON CAPITAL.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S OBJECTIONS.

London, February 17.

In the House of Commons, Sir Donald Maclean moved an amendment to extend the scope of the Government enquiry into the practicability of a tax on war-time increases of wealth to the practicability of a capital on levy for reducing the National Debt. Mr. Chamberlain thought the idea of a capital on levy would strike blows at the employment of capital for expansion of industry and at the encouragement of saving. He thought the signs of the times were reassuring. Trade was good and exports were reviving. The heavy fall in American exchange was a great bounty to the export trade in diverting orders which otherwise would never have reached us. Full advantage should be taken of it by extending the means of production to the furthest limit. He deprecated rash experiments against sane methods of financial recuperation.

Sir Donald Maclean's amendment was rejected and the Government motion adopted.

THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

WHAT IT WILL DO.

London, February 17.

Speaking at the Imperial Chapter and the Ladies' Grand Council of the Primrose League, Lord Curzon, referring to the League of Nations, said in the constitution of the League they had set up machinery which could revise in one generation the mistakes of statesmen of the previous one. There was something in the new diplomacy not found in the old. In place of the balance of power, they had the rights of communities recognised. In place of competition in armaments, they were endeavouring to establish a reconciliation of interests. In place of the ambitions of rulers, we had set up the aspirations of peoples. In place of secret Treaties, diplomacy would be more and more open.

EARLIER SPECIAL TELEGRAMS.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

GOVERNMENT SERVANTS' SALARIES.

Shanghai, February 16.

Sir Arthur Young, the late Governor, has issued a despatch on the recommendations of the Public Services' Salaries Commission in which he states there is no doubt in the Commission's minds as to the inadequacy of the pay throughout the entire service. Dealing with the cost of living, the Governor thinks the Commission overstates the case when it says that a shilling in Great Britain and the rupee in India and Ceylon have much the same purchasing value as the dollar in Malaya. Malaya is not a suitable country for poor whites. Unless the European can earn a wage on which he is able to live decently as a European should he merely brings discredit and contempt upon the British community. This position is greatly intensified in the case of Government officers. The Government will have to make due provision for the housing of its servants at moderate rentals. The late Governor is in favour of amending the present law so as to permit an officer retiring at the age of fifty with the consent of the Government.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

REPLY TO GERMAN NOTE.

London, Feb. 15.

The "Sunday Times" says the Allies' note on the subject of war criminals sent to Berlin is of a resolute character but not final as to the methods and it is anticipated that Germany is given the choice of bringing the offenders before its own courts.

Paris, Feb. 15.

The "Journal de Debats" says the Allied note to Germany does not insist at present on the surrender of war criminals in view of Germany's unwillingness but declares that anyhow the engagements by Germany remain valid. The Allies are apparently deferring their decisions until they see whether Germany intends to carry out her declared intention of herself proceeding against the accused.

U. S. AND PEACE TREATY.

Paris, Feb. 15.

The United States Ambassador has handed the Foreign Minister a memorandum in which the Government criticises the European Allies' request to the Jugo Slavs that the latter accept the proposals submitted as regards the Adriatic failing which the pact of London would be enforced. President Wilson objects to the Allies' proposals as they differ too much from those he and Mr. Lloyd George and M. Clemenceau drew up last year. He declares that the United States cannot continue to interest itself in the Allies' European affairs if the United States is not consulted.

A telegram from Washington says the Senate is on the point of ratifying the Peace Treaty on the basis of compromise as regards the reservations and future policy of the United States which is taking shape. It is understood that the United States will be opposed to the Allies trying the German war criminals and will not participate therein. Representatives for the League of Nations will be quickly chosen but the United States will oppose sending troops to the plebiscite areas. Finally the United States mandates are at present not favoured.

IRISH TRAIN HELD UP.

London, Feb. 15.

A goods-train including a wagon load of miniature rifles, guarded by the Military in a passenger carriage, was pulled up by signal on Friday night outside Dublin after a score raiders had intimidated the signalman and hoisted the danger signal. Another signalman shot at the raiders who attacked the train, threw three bombs and discharged a fusillade of revolver shots. One bomb severely wounded a Corporal and his escort. Two masked armed men climbed the engine and compelled the driver to back the train. The driver was instructed to continue the journey after a lapse of twenty minutes. The raiders escaped, the military not firing owing to darkness.

DARDANELLES CONTROL.

Paris, Feb. 15.

It is reported from London that the Supreme Council yesterday, decided in principle that the Sultan shall remain in Constantinople but a rigorous military and naval control of the Dardanelles will be established. Details of the control will be settled by experts including Marshal Foch, who begin their meetings on the 16th.

ANGLO-FRENCH RELATIONS.

London, Feb. 15.

Prior to returning to Paris at 7.40 this morning M. Millerand informed Reuter's representative that he is quite satisfied with the result of the conversations. The relations between England and France could not be better. "There is a complete understanding between us. I hope to return to London in a week or so. Meanwhile be assured that all's well." His concluding words were, "The sky is clear; there are no clouds."

EXCHANGE OF BRITISH PRISONERS.

Copenhagen, Feb. 14.

Mr. O'Grady and M. Litvinoff have signed an agreement providing for the release of all British war prisoners and civilians in exchange for Russian war prisoners in England and in the hands of the Archangel Government. It is expected the British prisoners will be out of Russia within a month.

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Mr. Frank Polk, who is appointed to act as U.S. Secretary of State, on the resignation of Mr. Lansing.

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 5s.10½d.

FOOTBALL.

SATURDAY'S PROGRAMME.

Owing to various causes, Saturday's fixtures are again altered from original arrangement, and the Club v. Tamar match in the second round of the Hongkong Shield Competition has been postponed, as Tamar, through many causes, could not raise a representative team for Saturday next.

Efforts are being made to play one of the other second round matches, and Hongkong Police v. H. M. S. Ambrose may take place. The Marathon on Saturday is certainly of prior interest, and this may take a lot of the interest out of the football, there being so many naval and military units competing in the great race. It is a pity that the Marathon clashes with the Kowloon v. Navy Reserves game, as this will be the chief "footie" event of Saturday next and there are many people who would like to see both events. The game should be a great one, keenness being a feature, and both sides are capable of playing crisp, clean football. A win outright will be the most satisfactory result all round, as both Clubs have very fine records, the Navy's being a most remarkable one, having no goals registered against them for the season—a really smart performance.

The matches for Saturday are as follow:

Kowloon v. Navy Res.—Club Ground, kick-off 2.30 p.m., referee, Lt. Snook.
Staffs and Depts. v. United F. C.—Navy Ground, kick-off 2.30 p.m., referee Mr. A. Dawda.
St. Josephs v. South China "B."—Military Ground, kick-off 2.30 p.m., referee Mr. Langford.

JUDGE WITHOUT EMOTIONS.

When a possession summons was granted against an ex-police-man, a striker, who was no longer desired as caretaker of a house at Clapton (the owner insisting on having a member of the force), Judge Cluett refused to hear anything about the man's family. "That appeals to my emotion, and not to the law," he said, "and I haven't any."

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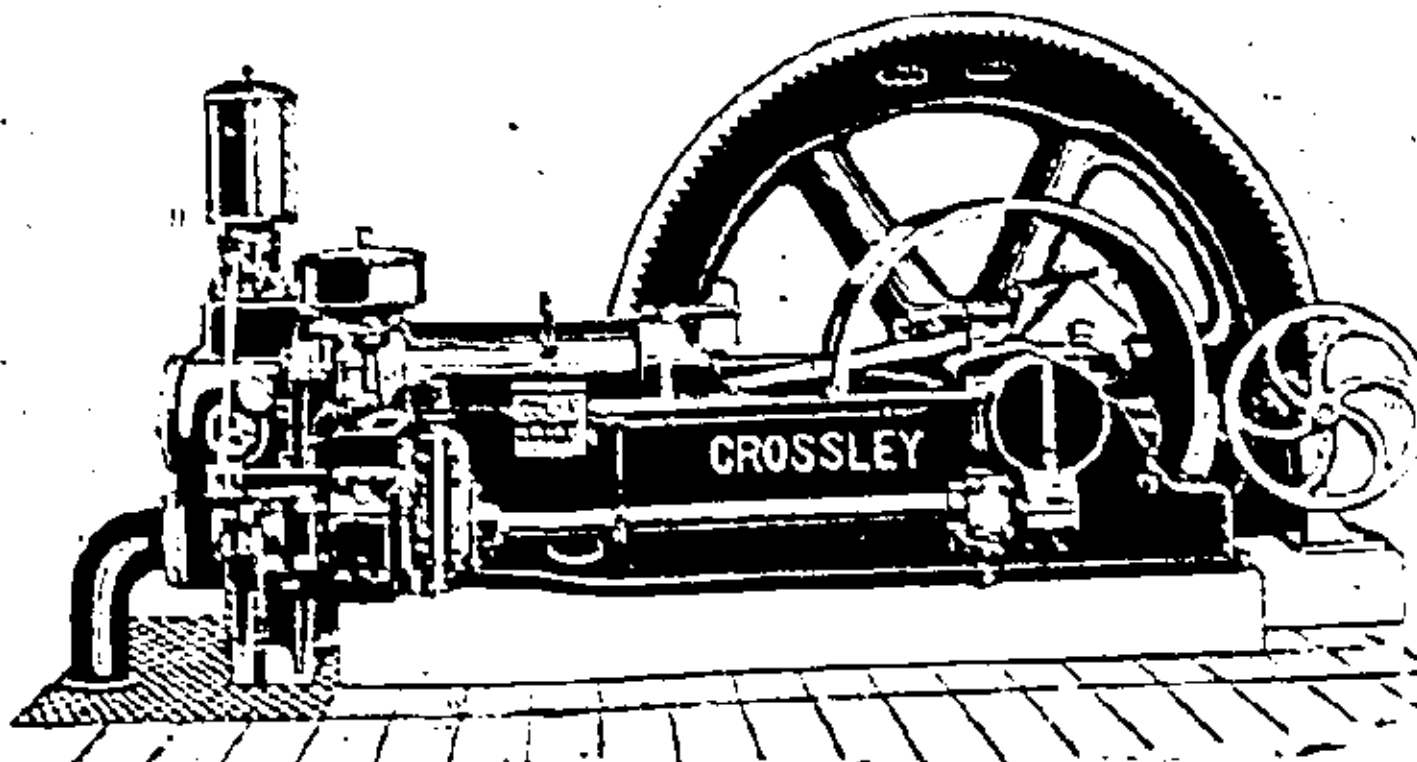
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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

AMERICAN RAILWAYMEN'S DEMANDS.

Washington, Feb. 12.

Mr. Hines, Director General of Railroads, has con-
ferred with Mr. Palmer, Attorney General, as regards
the threatened strike of railwaymen. Mr. Palmer sub-
sequently refused to discuss the possibility of the issue
of a Government injunction against a railway strike.

Mr. Hines declared his inability to deal with the
railwaymen's demands and submitted his and their
proposals to the President, who will confer with the rail-
waymen's representatives on the 13th.

It is announced that the representatives of the
railwaymen have agreed to accept Pres. Wilson's recom-
mendation and hold their wage demands temporarily in
abeyance. The Union Leaders decided to call a conven-
tion of members at their general committee meeting.

BRITISH AMBASSADORSHIP TO AMERICA.

Washington, Feb. 15.

The "Sunday Times" says that Viscount Grey has
definitely decided not to return to America and Lord
Reading will become British Ambassador at Washington.

CAIRO TO THE CAPE.

Cairo, Feb. 14.

The Governor of Malakal reports that an aeroplane
passed over at ten in the morning and it was presumed
this is the Cockerell machine, repaired and carrying on.

RUSSIAN LINER SUNK.

Constantinople, Feb. 12.

A message from Varna says the Russian liner
Emperor Peter the Great struck a mine near Varna and
sank. Seven hundred Russian refugees from Odessa
and Sebastopol were aboard. It is believed most of them
were saved.

SILVER MARKET.

London, Feb. 12.

While prohibition of the import of silver into India
has been removed prohibition of the export of silver
from India is retained.

INTERNATIONAL FOOTBALL MATCHES.

London, Feb. 14.

At rugby England beat Ireland by 14 to 11 at
Dublin. At soccer Ireland and Wales drew 2-2 at
Belfast.

WOMEN IN EVERY POLICE FORCE.

SIR L. DUNNING'S HOPE.

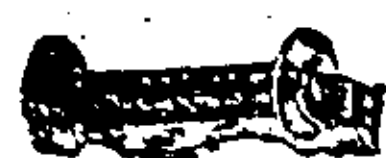
The Woman's Police Service
is the only one of the women's
war organizations which has not
been demobilized, and its per-
manency in civilian life was
celebrated recently by an after-
noon party at the Hyde Park
Hotel. The Commandant, Miss
Damer Dawson, and other mem-
bers welcomed a large gather-
ing of their friends and support-
ers, noteworthy among whom
were Sir Leonard Dunning
(Inspector of Constabulary), Sir
John Dickinson and Mr.
Graham-Campbell (Bow-street
magistrates), many chief con-
stablers, Lady Sydenham, Lady
Nott-Bower, Lady Holland, and
General Sir Henry and Lady
Mackinnon.

The neat dark blue uniform of
the policewomen, their close-
cropped heads, and their kindly
yet shrewd expressions make
them a very businesslike and
attractive looking body. A large
number had come up from the
"rally" and were discussing the
changes that have taken place
in their work. They are no
longer needed for policing the
munition factories, where they
rendered admirable service; but
those thrown out of employ are
being gradually absorbed for
ordinary police work.

Sir Leonard Dunning said that
a number of municipal and county
authorities were wise enough to
see that there was work for
women in a police force. He for
a great many years had believed
in them and encouraged the
police authorities to adopt women
as part of the regular police.

It was absolutely impossible
for any police force in a large
town to deal with certain matters
unless they had trained police
women at their disposal. The
Women's Police Service were
pioneers in some ways, but the
idea was not due to the war. He
tried 17 years ago to find an
educated woman who would
assist him in interviewing women
and children where sexual crime
had been alleged, but he was told
it was not a woman's work. Now
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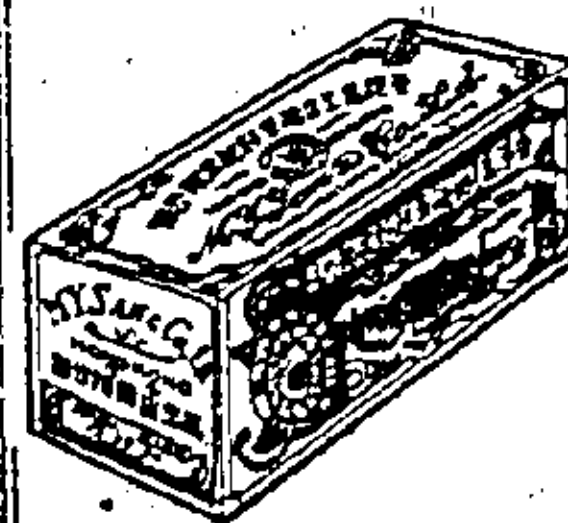
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properly-constituted police force Nottingham wrote that he was
would include women among its "strongly of opinion that in al
members. police forces women should be
Commandant Dame Dawson appointed.
was greeted with "For he's a Miss Dame Dawson thanked
jolly good fellow" when she rose her colleagues for the gifts,
to speak. The "he" was not so suitable to police women,
altered to "she" because in the that had been presented to
women police, senior officials are her and her staff—a silver
all addressed as "Sir." She read electric lamp, a clock with
a letter from the Bishop of Hull, a luminous dial, and a writing
saying: "I wish you God speed. case. She said they had worked
So far as concerns us in Hull it together for five years and three
was a good day when we months without a quarrel or a
managed to secure the services split in their forces, and she
of your police for our municipi- hoped that the same spirit would
pality." The Chief Constable of prevail in the future.

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Washington, Feb. 14.

Secretary of State Lansing has tendered his resignation which President Wilson has accepted. Mr. Polk will be appointed Secretary of State ad interim. It is stated Mr. Polk is not accepting a permanent position owing to ill health.

It appears the resignation of Mr. Lansing, which official circles call summary dismissal, is due to a bitter dispute with President Wilson who charges Mr. Lansing with usurping the Presidential functions, firstly while President Wilson was in Paris in January 1919, and latterly during his illness. President Wilson had been indisposed to welcome his advice as regards the negotiations in Paris or on general international affairs.

President Wilson in the course of correspondence charged Mr. Lansing with unconstitutionality by calling meetings of the Cabinet during his (President Wilson's) illness, pointing out that as there could not be any action without the President therefore the meetings were unnecessary. Consequently President Wilson requested Mr. Lansing's resignation on the ground that it would relieve him from the embarrassment of feeling Mr. Lansing's reluctance and divergence of judgment. In resigning Mr. Lansing said he believed and his belief was shared by others that the Cabinet meetings were necessary and he would have been guilty of dereliction of duty if he had acted otherwise.

Mr. Lansing's resignation caused a sensation in the United States and possible resignation of other Cabinet Ministers are predicted. It is declared that the disagreement between Mr. Wilson and Mr. Lansing dates back to the entry of America into the war. Their relations were almost at breaking point early in 1917 when Mr. Lansing issued his famous statement that the United States was daily nearer war which President Wilson vainly endeavored to overturn. Further differences developed at Paris and the sensational evidence of Mr. Bullitt before the Senate in Foreign Relations Committee quoting Mr. Lansing as declaring that he was not a sympathiser with the League of Nations and that the Treaty would fail if Americans ever learned its full import is also said to have caused the crisis.

Newspaper comments reveal strong sympathy with Mr. Lansing. It is suggested that President Wilson might well have overlooked the possible irregularity of Cabinet conferences in view of the situation caused by his illness.

AMERICAN AFFAIRS.

New York, Feb. 12.

President Wilson is satisfactorily progressing towards recovery.

President Wilson has accepted the resignation of Mr. Fletcher, U.S. Ambassador to Mexico.

Mr. Robert Underwood Johnson, one of the founders of the "League to Enforce Peace", has been appointed U.S. Ambassador to Rome in succession to Mr. Thomas M. Page.

Mr. Payne, chairman of the Shipping Board, succeeds Mr. Lane as Secretary of the Interior.

Washington, Feb. 12.

Senator Lodge has formally proposed that the Senate consider the fourteen Republican reservations to the Peace Treaty on only two of which differences of opinion remain. These are Article Ten and the Monroe Doctrine but it is understood that private negotiations are continuing in the hope of an agreement when the Treaty is discussed next week.

A REBEL ASSEMBLYMAN.

New York, Feb. 12.

Ex-Assemblyman Gitlow, who was arrested with Jim Larkin on 9th Dec. and found guilty of criminal anarchy, has been sentenced to indeterminate imprisonment of from five to ten years, the maximum penalty provided by the law. The prosecution in demanding a conviction referred to the fact that some of Gitlow's associates led revolutionary movements in which a million dollars worth of property was destroyed and the overthrow of organised Government was sought.

ENGLISH SHIPPING INTERESTS.

Washington, Feb. 14.

The Supreme Court has prohibited the Shipping Board's proposed auction of thirty ex-German passenger liners. The application for injunction was made by William Hearst whose newspapers have been opposing the sale to "English interests."

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"KAISER'S HALF-WITTENESS."**SARDONIC COMMENT IN
BERLIN.**"A fool by the grace of
God!"

"How William ruled!"

These are the headings which *Vorwarts* places over its comments on Herr Kautsky's collection of official documents edited and slightly extended by Count Max Montgelas and Professor Schuecking, and now published in Berlin.Herr Helmuth von Gerlach, an ex-Prussian official turned Socialist, writes in the *Neue Berliner* that the most important things in the volumes are the Emperor William's marginal notes.

"It was in the spirit of those marginal notes," says von Gerlach, "that Germany before the war was ruled; those of one day contradicted those of the next day."

"Notes made between July 5 and August 1, 1914, vividly mirror the catastrophic policy which was then Germany's. The more I consider them, the more I become persuaded that William the Second is a case for a mental specialist rather than for a judge."

WEAK-WITTEN WAR-MAKER.It is to Emperor William's notes, too, that *Vorwarts* turns its attention. It says: "He who reads these marginal notes cannot for a moment remain in doubt that Germany before the war was ruled by a half-witted person."

"It is quite clear that under such a person Germany was bound to rush into war—and to lose that war!"

Then the journal demonstrates what the Kaiser's mentality was by pointing out the numerous contradictions in those notes, and how culpably ignorant the Emperor was at times.

On June 13, it points out, he was declaring that everybody who was not convinced of Russia's warlike intentions ought to be thrown into a lunatic asylum; while from that date onwards "Germany's whole policy was built on the hope that Russia and Russia's allies would withdraw if Austria, supported by Germany, went for Serbia as vigorously as possible."

With his "now or never" and such remarks, says *Vorwarts*, "he could not have his squabble (as he called the approaching war) soon enough."

"On the margin of a note speaking of Serbia's annihilation William writes, 'That would be best!'"

"But after the Serbian answer to the Austro-Hungarian ultimatum he makes his now well-known statement—'about a great moral victory for Austria and the vanishing of all reasons for war.'"

This Ruler of All the Germans, "the *Vorwarts*-article proceeds, "did not even know what game was being played; he did not know that war was decided on, and that he himself was prancing towards it."

"When the workers struck in Petrograd during Poincaré's visit—'Bravo!' exclaimed William on the margin of the report; but when German workers demonstrated for peace he wrote that the leaders would be locked up if it happened again, and that he would have no workers making Socialist propaganda!"

"The poor man did not dream that the peace for which the Berlin workers demonstrated would have saved him his throne."

WILHELM'S VOCABULARY.*Vorwarts* comments scathingly on William's epithets—the constant use of the words "rubbish," "nonsense," &c., how he called Sir Edward Grey "a swine," "idiot," "deceiver," "false hound," &c., how he called an unnamed diplomat "swine," King Victor a "knave," and Signor Giolitti "an unheard-of scoundrel."What lovely language for a monarch! With irony *Vorwarts* points out how William wrote on the margin of the Tsar's telegram proposing arbitration, "Well, I never!"

It points out how, when his "squabble" broke loose at last he wrung his hands and had blame for everybody but himself.

Thus the history of the house of Hohenzollern (concludes *Vorwarts*) end in a fool's tragedy. Its hideous comedy, which is beyond the fantasy of a Shakespeare, reached its final height in the telegram of father to son, in which the Crown Prince was forbidden to make Jingo utterances.

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POLITICAL STRIFE IN AMERICA.

There is ample evidence to be found of the fact that the political atmosphere in the United States at the present moment is charged with a fair measure of electricity. Party rivalry is keen, and the leaders of various groups are getting impatient one with another, some even with their own followers, who, in turn, reciprocate the feeling. The resignation of Mr. Lansing, in consequence of differences between President Wilson and himself throws into prominence the view that the President is becoming more and more isolated every day. To the onlooker appearances suggest that Mr. Wilson is a spent force in American politics. His activities in Europe have certainly done him no good, despite the fact that his motives were altogether above suspicion. Berated by his political enemies and forsaken by many of his old followers, it looks as if he will carry very little more influence in the political life of his country. We regret that intensely, for we regard him as a man of high talent and great integrity, who has done his level best, according to his lights, both for America and humanity at large during a period of unexampled difficulty. He may have made false steps, but these are of minor importance when contrasted with the service he has rendered his time and race.

The tendency in politics is rather to kick a man when he is once down, and it is exemplified in the case of President Wilson, about whom some of his critics cannot find bad enough things to say. But if he has made mistakes, so have his opponents, and especially those who have held up ratification of the Treaty, with the attendant result that America is to-day the only country still at war with Germany. This is what an American writer has to say on this matter: "For weeks and months now the United States Senate has mulled over the Peace Treaty. It has talked. It has debated. It has played politics. It has done everything but tackle the peace Treaty in real earnest, with an honest desire to serve the best interests of the American people and their neighbours throughout the world. Altogether too much time and effort has been given to this senatorial jockeying. Other nations, Great Britain, France, Japan, Italy, Belgium embark upon the path of peace. They resume diplomatic and business relations with Germany. Their peoples know where they stand, and business in those countries can go ahead without any misgivings, without any fear that their Governments will kick a hole in their carefully laid plans of commercial intercourse with each other and with Germany. Our Senate handicaps American business, and when it handicaps business in this way it halts the progress of American labour, too. It slows up national advance when it blocks international trade. It tells the manufacturer, the exporter, the financier, the workman to sit down and wait while it potters over reservations mild, and reservations not so mild and more particularly while the 'bitter-enders' wrangle to the bitter end. In the meanwhile British, French and Japanese business has an open door to the storehouse of international trade."

It is surely high time that America got out of the mire of Peace Treaty politics. The people, we are sure, want the "bitter end" Senators to cease their warfare. The only way that can be done is for both factions to reach a compromise. Senators Lodge and Borah should recede from their kill-the-Treaty position, and the administration Senators should abandon their no-reservations attitude. That would bring them nearer each other, and nearer the people. Clearly the majority of Americans favour a Peace Treaty compromise. They want the League of Nations so badly that they are eager to accept it with any reservations which do not destroy the League's usefulness, and which will permit future efforts intended to perfect the League's purpose, and its machinery for attaining that purpose.

NOTES & COMMENTS.

HUMPHREYS' MEETING.

We rather expected that the Chairman of the Humphreys Estate and Finance Company, at yesterday's meeting of shareholders would have dwelt at greater length on the question of house rentals than he actually did. It is true that he delivered himself of his general views on the unattractiveness of the building of houses as an investment, and denied that his Company had been guilty of profiteering. We have not the time at the moment to analyse his speech at length, but there is one point which deserves a word or two. In mentioning the fact that all the Company's houses had been tenanted throughout the past year, Mr. Humphreys spoke of a net profit of only 54 per cent., which he described as disappointing. It must not be inferred, however, that this figure represents the return on the Company's household property. The 54 per cent. mentioned is the net profit on the Company's capital, which is a totally different matter. But of that more anon. There are other aspects of the speech also which can wait over for the time. When we were commenting on this recent question the other day, we received a letter suggesting that it was no part of a newspaper's business to criticise the doings of a particular Company. That is a contention that we cannot accept. There are times when, in the interests of the public, the Press can perform a most useful duty by taking up questions of limited-company management, and if it happens that a Company is fulfilling the functions of a public utility concern, then there are all the sounder reasons why a newspaper should keep a vigilant eye on its activities. That, surely, will not be disputed by any reasonable person.

KOWLOON RICKSHAS.

A good many Kowloon people are wondering what has become of the improved style of ricksha that became so evident in the Peninsula about twelve months ago. In contrast to the old rickshas to which they had become accustomed, there was suddenly seen a number of nice new ones, roomy and comfortable. But of late they have been very few and far between and the good old bone-shakers are back with us. The answer to the query as to where they have gone is, not far to seek—only as far as Yau-mati. There one can find them, plying for hire in plenty, all for the benefit of the natives. The old ones are good enough for the Europeans who have to make the daily journey from their homes to the ferry. Of course, it may just be that the drivers find, a more lucrative market at Yau-mati and prefer that district. But would it not be possible for the ricksha farmers to work for a transfer—ence or to give a little fairer sprinkling of these better class rickshas to the Eastern end of the peninsula? Europeans don't ask for all the good things that are going, but having been given comfortable vehicles once, it is a little disappointing to have most of them taken away and see them in use at the native end.

THE MODERN TENDENCY.

And while on the subject of rickshas it will be interesting to record that the ricksha men in Japan have recently organised themselves into a Union. We note from the *Japan Chronicle* that at the conclusion of an inaugural meeting the men resolved in the following terms: "Efforts shall be made for the promotion of the personality and social position of rickshamen and that a revision 'shall be introduced in the regulations governing the control of rickshamen.' In view of the modern tendency for all classes of workers to organise there can be no surprise whatever felt at the action of Japanese ricksha pullers, and if they intend amalgamating their efforts to improve working conditions with an attempt at social betterment the movement will only result in good. The social position of all such workers has been of the lowest and still is. One does not expect to see coolies, ricksha pullers or chair bearers in Hongkong walking about in long coats and mandarin hats. Dress is not a requisite of good social conditions; at least it is a minor consideration in China and Japan. By good social conditions is meant the general standard of living, housing comfort and education, and if the great mass of the labouring classes in Oriental countries were better off in these particulars, an enormous stride would have been made towards

DAY BY DAY.

ALL MEN ARE PRETTY MUCH ALIKE—BUT IT'S THEIR LIKENESS THAT'S IMPORTANT.

Owing to the Chinese New Year holiday there will be no publication of the "Hongkong Telegraph" to-morrow.

A coolie has been killed by a fall into one of the holds of the s.s. *Prominent*.

Yesterday three cases of cerebro-spinal fever (two fatal) were notified in Hongkong, all being Chinese.

The report of an armed robbery at Pingshan, in the New Territories, has just been received. There were no details.

Members of the Hongkong Cricket Club are reminded that entries for the annual tennis tournament close on the 25th inst.

Chan Pui, the Police Accountant, who recently absconded with Police funds, has been arrested and is now awaiting his trial at the Police Court.

Some members of the Chinese community are giving a Chinese banquet to the Hon. Mr. Claud Severn C.M.G., LL.D., on Saturday, 6th March, at 7.30 p.m., at the Kam Ling Hotel, West Point, in view of Hon. Mr. Severn's impending departure on leave of absence. His Excellency the Governor has consented to attend.

The first game of Rugby football played in Hongkong for many years was witnessed at Happy Valley last evening, when the Club met the Navy. The Navy won, scoring two goals and two tries, whilst the Club registered one unconverted try. On Tuesday evening at 5.30 p.m. there is to be a Club practice match, the teams to be selected on the field.

Mortal dread of being put into gaol unbalanced the mind of a Chinese man 30 years of age, who, in an attempt to escape from his accusers who charged him with theft, jumped over the verandah of a boarding house at Des Voeux Road, and was killed by the fall. It was believed by the Police, to whom the occurrence was reported, that no blame could be attached to the Chinese who made the accusation against the man.

One of the "tricks" which a Chinese itinerant conjuror performed to reap in New Year *Cumshous*, was the tying up of the legs and beak of a stork. The poor bird had a protector in a policeman who hauled up the conjuror to the Police Station and had him charged this morning with cruelty to the bird. The end of it was that the birds' cage at Botanical Gardens receives a new inhabitant in the stork, while the conjuror narrowly missed being a bird in the gaol.

The members of the Aerial Derby Commission left by the s.s. *Poros* yesterday for Haiphong from where they will proceed to Hanoi, the capital of French Indo China, where it is expected they will interest the Government in the Derby and organise an Aero Club for that city. The Commission will then visit Saigon, Singapore, Bangkok, Dutch East Indies, India etc., continuing in their work of organising a chain of Aero Clubs to Europe in the Aerial Derby. The members expressed their thanks for the cordial reception accorded them during their stay in this Colony.

700 LATIN SPEECHES.

Sir John Sandys, Public Orator of Cambridge University, has resigned office after 43 years' service. He succeeded the late Sir Richard Jebb in 1876, and has made nearly 700 laudatory Latin speeches in honour of distinguished recipients of honorary degrees.

The more efficient development of these great potential countries. It has been well said by one prominent writer on China and things Chinese that one of the greatest curses of China has been the neglect of her coolie class, and the fact is obvious after even a casual thought. Japan has already started on the right road of betterment and China's turn to do something similar is long overdue. But China always has engendered a mixture of hope and despair in the minds of those who wish her well, and she will possibly continue to do so for a long while yet.

EN PASSANT.

The Races are over, and I hear some people saying "A dashed good thing, too." Every man is not born to be lucky and there are many in Hongkong just now who realise that. In fact it is a little cruel to remind them of it. All that Mr. Kirk Macdonald said was wasted on them, but they are wishing that it hadn't been. It wasn't as though there was much pleasure to be had out of the meeting. Chinese New Year is generally identified with plenty of moisture, but this year is a little above scratch. One was suggested that the newspapers should have recorded "well swam" instead of "well ran."

Mathematics never appealed to me. They are too calculatingly cold. But I have a little penchant for figures when they are all worked out. The friend whom I coaxed to do some arithmetic for me the other evening will possibly be surprised to see his figures repeated here. I produced newspapers giving all the four days' racing, and he ascertained that \$147,495 was paid for cash sweep tickets, about \$44,000 was spent in "place" betting, and about \$37,400 on spotting the winners. When a small Colony like Hongkong can publicise a gamble approximately \$228,895 (or \$262,954 2s. 6d. at 5/6, to the dollar) in three days it is pretty good going. Add to that the private Clubs sweeps and "side" gambling, and one begins to realise that racing is a fine sport. Very. I'm not quarrelling with racing or betting, for I had a little flutter myself. I'm just satisfying my penchant, that's all. And at the same time I'm struggling to forget the gambling Ordinances of the Colony.

The Jockey Club did pretty well, too. It retained 15 per cent. on the cash sweeps and received in consequence \$22,209 from this source and a great many criticisms, too. The deduction used to be ten per cent. and was raised to 12½ when thousands of dollars were given to War Charities. Why should it be 15 per cent now, when there are no War Charities? From the pari-mutuel the Club took ten per cent. (at least everyone said so) and my friend who did the "figuring," computed that the Jockey Club received \$4,400 from "place" bettings, \$3,740 from "winners" bettings, or altogether \$80,349 from the gambling public. With a 5/6 dollar this represents \$28,345 19s. 6d. Add to that all the entrance fees (well over \$10,000), and the Club's receipts become respectably large. No-one would deny that expenses are heavy, and there is also the fact to be noted that larger prizes were presented this year to placed owners. But there was considerable comment to be overheard in the enclosure among those who bought sweep tickets.

Having ascertained the figures given above, I thought my mathematical friend would have been satisfied. But not he. He persisted in proceeding, and his face lighted up with joy at the discovery that if all the races had been run as one long race the distance covered would have been 43 miles (about twice round the Colony). This figure he divided by 44—the number of races run—and was delighted to find that the average distance of each race was 1,608.2 yards or, roughly, 7.31 furlongs. He seized my race book and went further—not in distance but with his calculations. After muttered mummings he recorded that there were 402 starters and that the distance covered by all the ponies aggregated 375.30 miles. He frowned at being told there were no "spills," because he had made up his mind to work a subtraction sum to allow for them. Brain-waves came to him thick and fast. In my book were recorded the official times, and he wanted to total the e to find the average duration of each race. I protested. A mighty "brain wave" it was that led him to begin counting the "owners' colours; and after I had side-tracked him off that, he wanted to total the ponies' heights to find how high all the starters would have reached! He was violently keen to ascertain the aggregate weight the ponies carried, possibly having visions of tons, cwt's, lbs., but at this stage I threw him out of my room. As I closed my door I heard him counting the stairs as he went down.

The motto is "Never encourage enthusiasts." I now know what

CORRESPONDENCE.

[To the Editor of the "Hongkong Telegraph"]

BRIDGE ACROSS THE HARBOUR.

Sir,—In last night's *Telegraph* I read "Ajax's" comments regarding improvement of the ferry service and the possibility of cheaper transportation rates. Would it not be much better to write in favour of having Hongkong and Kowloon connected by means of a bridge? I have travelled in all parts of the world and I have noticed that wherever two pieces of land, or islands, lie near each other they are connected by means of a bridge, both parts flourishing thereby. Now, why not Hongkong and Kowloon connected in this way, the bridge to be in line with Nathan Road, Kowloon?

A bridge across the harbour could be made of several spans, but in the fairway or mid-channel of the harbour, where it is deepest, there should be a span of 900 or 1,000 feet to allow ships to pass under. The height of that section should be 250 or 300 feet high water.

Hongkong harbour is shallow, there is little current, and therefore there should be little difficulty in building the pillars for the bridge to rest on. Howard Erskine and United Engineering of Singapore have constructed many bridges, and they could give approximate price. I should say a million dollars at this rate of exchange would go a long way to meet expenses. A bridge built in small sections is strong and easy to construct. If there were a bridge across the harbour, I daresay the Tramway Co. would want to buy a concession of part of the bridge for the tramline, for which no doubt it would have to pay a big sum, and that sum might pay for one-third of the total cost of the bridge. Then the Government could levy a tax of 5 or 10 cents for each passenger crossing the bridge, 5 cents for a ricksha, 50 cents for motor cars, motor lorry or horse and cart, and 1 or 2 cents for each heavy package. Thus the bridge would be soon paid for and afterwards the toll could be reduced to say 1 or 2 cents for each passenger. Imagine an electric car running from Hongkong across the harbour, through Nathan Road, to different outlying sub-districts.

There are large bridges in New York, New Orleans, Manchester, Budapest, Constantinople, Rotterdam, Calcutta, Ceylon, Johore, bridges across the Rhine, and many more in all parts of the world, some very difficult to construct, especially in New York, and the new bridge across the St. Lawrence. Why have the Government not considered making a bridge across Hongkong Harbour, which could be very easily constructed?

Yours etc.

OUTSIDER.

Hongkong, February 18, 1920.

kind of a person it is who works out those figures that used to be a feature of the back page of *Amusements*. If readers would like any more Race Meeting details they had better search up a Tripos man, because I refuse to have anything more to do with them.

Who's responsible for the local revival of the vogue of the bowler hat? During the Races bowlers were particularly prolific and in the town every day one notices dozens where there were only ones before. The Derby hat has had a long popularity. Men are something like women, in so far as a "new" fashion is merely a reversion to an old one. The bowler has been described as the ugliest head-gear ever designed for men's wear. But that may be unjust. We all remember landing with one, to take a fiddish delight in later making a "football" of it.

Hongkong can moan about the housing shortage, but that inconvenience hardly comes up to what is being experienced at Home. The story is going the rounds that a householder was knocked down by a taxi-cab and killed. A friend who witnessed the accident immediately went to the deceased's landlord and asked for the first option on the house, but was a little startled to learn that the taxi-cab driver had already made successful application!

Speaking of the training of journalists the *Daily Press*, in a leader on Wednesday, said "that the aim must be to give the student a certain mental training; a background of knowledge." This explains some of the "yapping."

CONTEMPORE.

TO-DAY'S MISCELLANY.

The resignation of Sir John Sandys, for 43 years Public Orator at Cambridge, recalls an amusing story which will be appreciated even by those whose knowledge of Latin (the language of the Public Orator) is elementary. Sir Travers Twiss was the recipient of the coming degree and the oration, as is customary on this occasion, was making its slow way through the hosts of superlatives with which it is always interlarded—"peritissimus, insignissimus, ornatissimus"—when an undergraduate voice from the gallery "et Sir Travers Twississimus" afforded the comic relief which is so sadly needed on these occasions.

Mr. Churchill, lightly dismissing the Labour forces in England as "unfit to govern," has raised a steam which will whistle round his ears for some time to come. It brings into prominence, not at the most convenient moment, the question of the present application of that fine old crusted phrase "the governing classes." It is perfectly true of course, that no Government ever considers any alternative Government fit to govern, or, at least, that every Government as a matter of course, in the political game, denies to the other side that ability. If the Opposition has been long out of office, then it contains no men trained to the work of government; if its absence from power has been a short one, then it is denounced as having already tried and failed to govern. But behind this there lies a bigger question, which a good many of the old regime would have liked to leave dormant as long as possible.

M. Maeterlinck has complained to a New York journalist that, although he reads English quite easily, he finds it difficult to speak, and still more difficult to understand when spoken. This latter difficulty—felt by many foreigners who know English well—is largely due to the difference between our intonation and theirs. In all Continental languages the tendency seems to be for the better classes to equalise the syllables as much as possible. In English, and particularly in the English spoken by townspeople, the tendency is to keep all the stress for some (generally the earlier) words in the sentence, and to leave the others to trail after them as best they may. This is the method adopted on the Continent by the uneducated; and hence, while an educated Frenchman, talking English, seems to us to speak with the monotonous accent of a little child, we, on first attempting a foreign tongue, are apt to use the intonation of a costermonger. As regards the difficulties M. Maeterlinck finds in speaking English, no doubt his greatest stumbling-block is the sound "th," which exists in only two other European languages—Spanish and Greek.

But for all its difficulties our tongue is not without its warm admirers on the Continent. "If English were shorn of its irregularities (e.g., 'bitted' instead of 'bited,' and so on) and spelt phonetically it would become the universal language within the next hundred years." So a French philologist, M. Alexandre Weill, wrote just on half a century ago; and the replies received to a circular sent out by the Northern Peace Society show that many learned men in various European countries would like to see his prediction fulfilled. "English is a hospitable language," says Professor Carnoy, of Louvain University. And this was one of the chief points advanced by Weill when advocating its adoption for world-wide use. "As French writers are generally deficient in any modern language but their own," he wrote, "or if they know any other languages are afraid to draw on them, French is now the weakest language used by any great nation. . . . But no Frenchman ever knew Greek and Latin better than Rabelais, Montaigne, and Amyot, who drew from these languages all that could be drawn. In the same way, Voltaire and Chateaubriand owe their originality to their perfect knowledge of English. This is the richest of all great languages, because it was the last to be formed, and for the expression of nearly every idea offers the alternative of two words—one of Teutonic, the other, of French derivation."

CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

TO-DAY'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Criminal Sessions were resumed this morning before the Puisne Judge, Mr. Justice Gompertz.

A THREATENING LETTER.

Leung Tsoi, alias Leung Tsat, was charged with demanding money with menaces, from Ho Shun-po, and pleaded not guilty saying "I don't know how to write a letter."

Mr. G.H. Wakeman (Crown Solicitor) prosecuted and the following composed the jury—Messrs. W. E. Roberts, R. Lee, L. G. Xavier, R. Perry, Wong Kam Fuk, H. F. Barros, C. M. Sequeira.

Recounting the facts, the Crown Solicitor said that there was a firm called the Tai Hing goldsmith's shop, of 2-2, Queen's Road Central, of which a man named Ho Shun-po was the master. He would tell the jury that on 11th January he received a letter addressed to the masters of the Tai Hing Shop, and stating:—

"The end of the year is approaching. We trust that your shop has made a better profit this year than last year. At present 20 or 30 of our men are in financial difficulty. We now write this to your shop, begging that you will assist us with a small sum of \$50 to meet our needs during the coming festival. You are required to send the money to Leung Chat, on the 1st floor above the Fook Ki carpenter's shop at the end of Third Street, Saiyingpun, within three days. In case of your failure to do so, we will certainly rob and burn your shop. We inform you specially by post, so that there may not be delay. This for your information.—Blackmail notice of Wang Yan and Leung Shat, of Devil's Head Society."

Ho Shun-po immediately communicated with the police and a district watchman was sent with a fake envelope. He asked for Leung Chat and an old man told him that Leung Chat lived there. The old man told him out and he asked the watchman what he wanted. The watchman said he came in reply to the letter to the Tai Hing shop. He had a letter with money. "Leung Chat asked him how much he had brought and the watchman said he had \$150. Leung Chat said the request was for \$500 and \$150 was not enough for several tens of men to spend. The matter was discussed and Leung Chat took hold of the letter. Then the watchman said that his master was below and should be present at the opening of the letter. Another watchman was called up, but prisoner was suspicious and dropped the letter. He was thereupon arrested by the watchman. When charged he said he knew nothing about it. Although he said he could not write, defendant wrote a letter asking to be bailed out. The old man would say he heard defendant admit writing the letter to the Tai Hing.

Prisoner said he told the watchman that the letter was not for him, and the watchman struck him in the chest. The watchman denied it. Prisoner said he was falsely accused and his father appealed for mercy for him, stating defendant was his only son and his only means of support. "I leave the matter in your Lordships' hands but wherever he goes I will follow him."

Without leaving the box, the jury unanimously found prisoner guilty.

His Lordship imposed a sentence of five years' hard labour.

RESISTING ARREST.

Leung Chiu was charged with attempting to fire a revolver at Sergeant McFall, to avoid arrest, and on a second charge with possession of the revolver and 21 rounds of ammunition without licence.

Defendant pleaded not guilty to attempting to shoot, but admitted possession of the revolver.

The same jury was empanelled. The Crown Solicitor said that on 25th January, in the evening, the police had occasion to visit No. 174 Praya East, ground floor. Sergeants McFall, and Cockle and a number of Chinese policemen entered the place, an opium shop. They came across four men lying on two beds smoking opium. Defendant was one of them and Sergeant McFall saw him put his left hand beneath his long coat. Sergeant McFall rushed him

MAKING A CINEMA FILM.

COMPANY BUSY IN HONGKONG.

Queen's Road, with the highly coloured aspect it assumes during the Chinese New Year's festivities, will be the principal scene in the 16th and 17th Episodes of the "Petals of Lao-Tze," now in course of production by the Universal Film Company.

The Orientals dressed in their New Year costumes, the native traffic and the fire and smoke of crackers—these will make their appearance in the picture as the surroundings in which the heroine (Marie Walcamp), harried by the villain, endeavours by strategy, with the help of a Chinese ally, to get away with one of the golden lotus petals. In these exciting passages sedan chairs and rickshaws will be the vehicles used.

For this part of the picture, the Company will engage a number of native Chinese to act their respective parts in the play.

Asked if he had experienced any difficulty in getting the Chinese to act, Mr. Henry MacRae, the managing Director of the Company, told a *Telegraph* representative that his experience in China was that the natives were more responsive than those of other countries. They were confident of getting them to act in their own natural way. In this connection, the Company are fortunate in having as one of their members Mr. Thomas Gubbins, whose assistance as a Chinese interpreter is of great value.

To arouse local interest in the picture, this part of the story will bring in a prominent light the virtues of the Chinese character of the story whose heroism in helping the heroine to secure her lotus petal is portrayed in the episodes produced here.

The Company, in spite of the unfavourable weather, has been busy. On Tuesday they commenced to produce the local episodes by filming the activities on the Kowloon wharves and the Empress of Russia as she lay alongside the pier.

The Company is expecting the clouds to break and show the sun before they start taking in the other local scenes of shipping and industrial activities. The panorama of Hongkong will be filmed from across the harbour, while from an advantageous position on the Peak, the camera will embrace into its scope the basin with its numerous ships dotted about. Repulse Bay with its Hotel is expected to provide one of the best bits in local scenery. The "mysteries" of Hongkong's China town will also reveal themselves to future patrons of the "Golden Petals of Lao-Tze."

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and they had a struggle. Defendant got his left hand free and produced a revolver in it. The Sergeant got hold of the revolver and in the struggle it "broke." Sergeant McFall called out that the man was armed and Sergeant Cockle went to his assistance. They took the revolver away and arrested the defendant. At the Police Station defendant said "I did not draw the revolver."

Sergeant Cockle said the revolver (22 calibre) was loaded. All the police were armed with their revolvers in their hands. Defendant said: "I am neither a robber nor a thief. Why should I try to shoot the sergeant? My friend gave me this revolver and asked me to sell it. I had a buyer at \$3.40. I was waiting to receive the money and hand the revolver over to the man. When the police came I wanted to take the revolver from my person and throw it under the bed. The sergeant rushed at me and took it away from me."

Summing up, His Lordship said one might expect that a man who had a revolver to sell would carry it unloaded. It was feasible that seeing the police he might try to get rid of the revolver, but once realising that the police had seen it in his possession he might be expected to cease struggling.

The jury unanimously found prisoner guilty.

His Lordship sentenced him to seven years' hard labour.

RACE PONIES.

YESTERDAY'S SALE.

The annual auction of ponies, following the Races, took place yesterday, but owing to the wet weather the sale was held at the Jockey Club Stables, instead of outside the City Hall. There was a good attendance of buyers and bidding was quite brisk at times, the top price fetched being \$1,350 for Sunspot. Mr. F. C. M. Hurley, of Messrs. Hughes and Hough's, was the auctioneer, and the prices secured, together with purchasers, were as follows:—

"Sunspot," Mr. E. C. Rock, \$1,350.
"Brutus," Mr. Bell Irving, \$400.
Attraction, Dahlia, Mrs. Bell Irving, \$270.
Pussy Foot, Mr. A. M. L. Soares, \$200.
Ladlow, Mr. E. Des Voeux, \$180.
Mr. Chan Kwai bought Morning Star, \$80; Jazzy, \$100; Tarzan, \$80; Gumbo, \$25; Nutcracker, \$20; Dal, \$300; Souvenir Dahlia, \$25; Seaman, \$80; Craigmount, \$35; Onella, \$10; Laven, \$10; Ben, \$10; Runaway Light, \$10; Calzawa, \$10; Hawk, \$30; Honour, \$50; Tami, \$10; Gentle Cat, \$15; Mummy's Child, \$35; Naughty Child, \$30; King Bruce, \$15; King Robert, \$35; King Arthur, \$30; Tricky, \$35; Tricky, \$35; Shiny, \$25; Talsman, Major Tammis, \$80; Rysa, Major Tammis, \$50; Consternation, Major Tammis, \$40.

Rams, Major Tammis, \$70.
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Murphy, Mr. Dunne, \$35.
Brilliant Dahlia, Mr. Farragut, \$50.

Sooty Dahlia, Mr. E. Des Voeux, \$35.
Sizza, Mr. Rembles, \$35.
Hoborn, Mr. Bell Irving, \$80.
Woe Mouse, Mr. Bell Irving, \$150.
Payneship, Mr. A. de Souza, \$50.
Aviation, Mr. T. F. Hough, \$170.
Calzawa's Glen, Mr. T. F. Hough, \$50.
There were no bids for the following:—
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SHIPPING NEWS.

U. S. GOVERNMENT SHIPS.

Mr. Payne, Chairman of the United States Shipping Board, has announced that depreciation will be charged off on the price of Government ships at the rate of ten per cent for the first year. Each succeeding year one less per cent will be charged off until the sixth year. Thereafter five per cent a year will be charged off. The price of ships after the sixth year will be reduced to one hundred and sixty three dollars a ton.

WATERHOUSE COMPANY.

Seattle, January 4.—Seattle's third regular trans-Pacific steamship service, under direction of the United States Shipping Board was started when the 10,000-ton steamship Stanley sailed from this port with 8,500 tons of cargo for the Orient. This is the first vessel in the trans-Pacific trade to be operated for the Shipping Board by Frank Waterhouse & Co. of Seattle. With the exception of one year the Waterhouse concern has dispatched a ship from Seattle overseas the first week of every January for the last decade. Most of the company's sailings in past years, in the first week of January, have fallen on New Year's day. As the second vessel in the Waterhouse company's new Shipping Board service between Seattle and the Orient, the 9,400-ton steamship Maquan with a full cargo will leave here January 20. For the February sailing in the new service the Shipping Board has assigned the 8,800-ton steamship West Ivan. Other vessels will be assigned for March and April sailings. The 7,500-ton steamship Delight operated and managed by the Waterhouse concern for the Shipping Board as an extra vessel in trans-Pacific trade is now in the Orient, after discharging a part cargo of rifles and munitions for the Russian Mission of Ways and Means at Vladivostok. The Shipping Board is planning to place in operation between Seattle and Oriental ports at least four passenger and freight vessels that will have a speed of 17 knots an hour. These will be capable of carrying something like 7,500 tons of freight and several hundred passengers. It is expected these craft will be placed on the run sometime in the summer of 1920. They will be operated on a regular schedule and are expected to be an important adjunct to the present trans-Pacific passenger services.

A SEAFARERS' INDUSTRIAL COUNCIL.

Steps are now being taken to replace the National Maritime Board which, under the Ministry of Shipping, regulated the wages and conditions of seagoing workers during the war, by an Industrial Council for these classes of workers, and negotiations are at present proceeding between the Seafarers' Joint Council, which represents most of the trade unions concerned, and the shipowners. If this proposal is carried through, it is to be presumed that the extraordinary system under which the Maritime Board was organized during the war will disappear. Under the Board there were separate panels for the various grades of workers concerned, one panel for seamen, one for cooks and stewards, one for engineers, and on. There were different trade unions represented on all these panels; but the shipowners had the same representatives on all of them. This, it was widely felt, gave the owners an altogether unfair advantage in negotiations, and it is probable that the new Council, even if it admits the principle of sectional or grade Committees, will be, like other Whitley Councils, a single body, on which the whole of the representatives of each party meet regularly for discussion of their common problems. At present, while the new machinery is being prepared, the Maritime Board is still at work, and negotiations on the question of wages are going forward, particularly on standardization and the question of "standard rates of pay for runs"—that is, a uniform rate for a voyage either way between two given ports, and not different rates, varying with the rate prevailing in the port of departure. On the question of hours of labour, no direct negotiations appear to be in progress; but the seamen are conducting a vigorous agitation in favour of inclusion in the Government's 48 Hours Bill, and are pointing, in support of their case, to the recent French law prescribing a maximum eight-hour day and a maximum 48-hour week for seagoing workers.

SHIPPING.

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Destination	Steamer	Sailing
SHANGHAI	Hangsang	Tues., 24th Feb. at d'light.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Chaksang	Tues., 24th Feb. at 3 p.m.
KOBE	Kumsang	Tues., 24th Feb. at 5 p.m.
SANDAKAN	Hinsang	Fri., 27th Feb. at noon.

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SHANGHAI	Sinkiang	19th Feb. at noon.
MANILA	Taikoo Wan Yi	19th Feb. at 4 p.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	Luchow	24th Feb. at 9 a.m.
AMOY, SHAI & PUKOW	Ichang	24th Feb. at 4 p.m.

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"SHISEN MARU" ... Thursday, 4th March.
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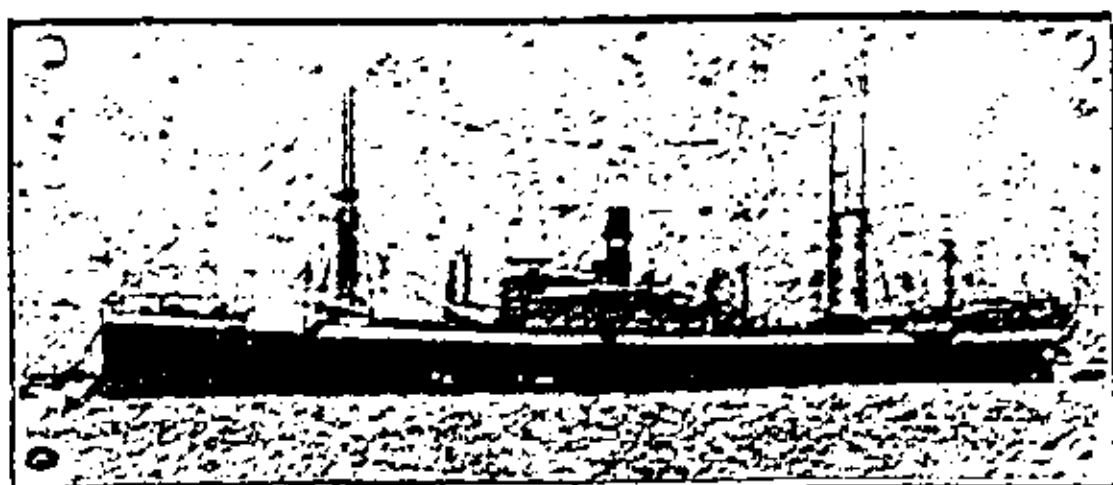
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16th to 22nd Feb. 1920.

Day	Hour	High Water	Low Water
Mon. 16	h. m.	4.1	1.8
Tues. 17	h. m.	4.3	1.6
Wed. 18	h. m.	4.4	1.5
Thurs. 19	h. m.	4.7	1.3
Fri. 20	h. m.	5.0	1.0
Sat. 21	h. m.	5.2	0.8
Sun. 22	h. m.	5.5	0.6

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Kwarchiahing, from Amoy.
Nglung, from Yokohama.
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T. KRING,
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Hongkong, Feb. 13, 1920.

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Kashima	N. Y. K.	Feb. 22
Madras	O. S. K.	Feb. 23
West Harts	R. D. Co.	Feb. 23
Korea	T. K. K.	Feb. 23
Atlas	O. S. K.	Feb. 23
Africa	O. S. K.	Feb. 25
Venezuela	P. M. Co.	Feb. 25
Lake Fielding	P. M. Co.	Feb. 25
Iro	N. Y. K.	Feb. 25
Montague	B. L.	Feb. 25
Eastern	P. & O.	Feb. 26
Crosskeys	A. L.	Feb. 27
Whetland	A. L.	Feb. 29
Hakata	N. Y. K.	E. Feb.
Colorado Springs	S. & D.	E. Feb.
Hathaway	S. & D.	E. Feb.
West Isis	S. & D.	E. Feb.
Indus	O. S. K.	E. Feb.
Tottori	N. Y. K.	B. Mar.
Tajima	N. Y. K.	B. Mar.
Calcutta	N. Y. K.	B. Mar.
Itola	P. & O.	Mar. 1
Antiochus	B. L.	Mar. 1
Nile	C. M. Co.	Mar. 2
Canada	O. S. K.	Mar. 3
Van Waerwyck	J. C. J. L.	Mar. 4
Bondowoso	J. C. J. L.	Mar. 4
Atusta	N. Y. K.	Mar. 5
Melville	D. R. D. Co.	Mar. 8
Abercor	A. L.	Mar. 10
Tenyo	T. K. K.	Mar. 11
E. of Russia	C. P. O. S.	Mar. 11
Changsha	B. & S.	Mar. 12
Sagapack	A. L.	M. Feb.
Cafe May	A. L.	M. Feb.
Western Cross	A. L.	M. Mar.
Dunera	P. & O.	Mar. 14
Swazi	B. L.	Mar. 15
Endicott	A. L.	Mar. 23
Fushimi	N. Y. K.	Mar. 17
Elkton	A. L.	Mar. 18
Charlton Hall	B. L.	Mar. 20
Harold D.	R. D. Co.	Mar. 21
Nanking	C. M. Co.	Mar. 23
Monteagle	C. P. O. S.	Mar. 23
Tango	N. Y. K.	Mar. 24
E. of Japan	C. P. O. S.	Mar. 29
And	O. S. K.	M. Mar.
Toba	N. Y. K.	B. Apr.
Dakar	N. Y. K.	B. Apr.
Shinyo	T. K. K.	Apr. 1

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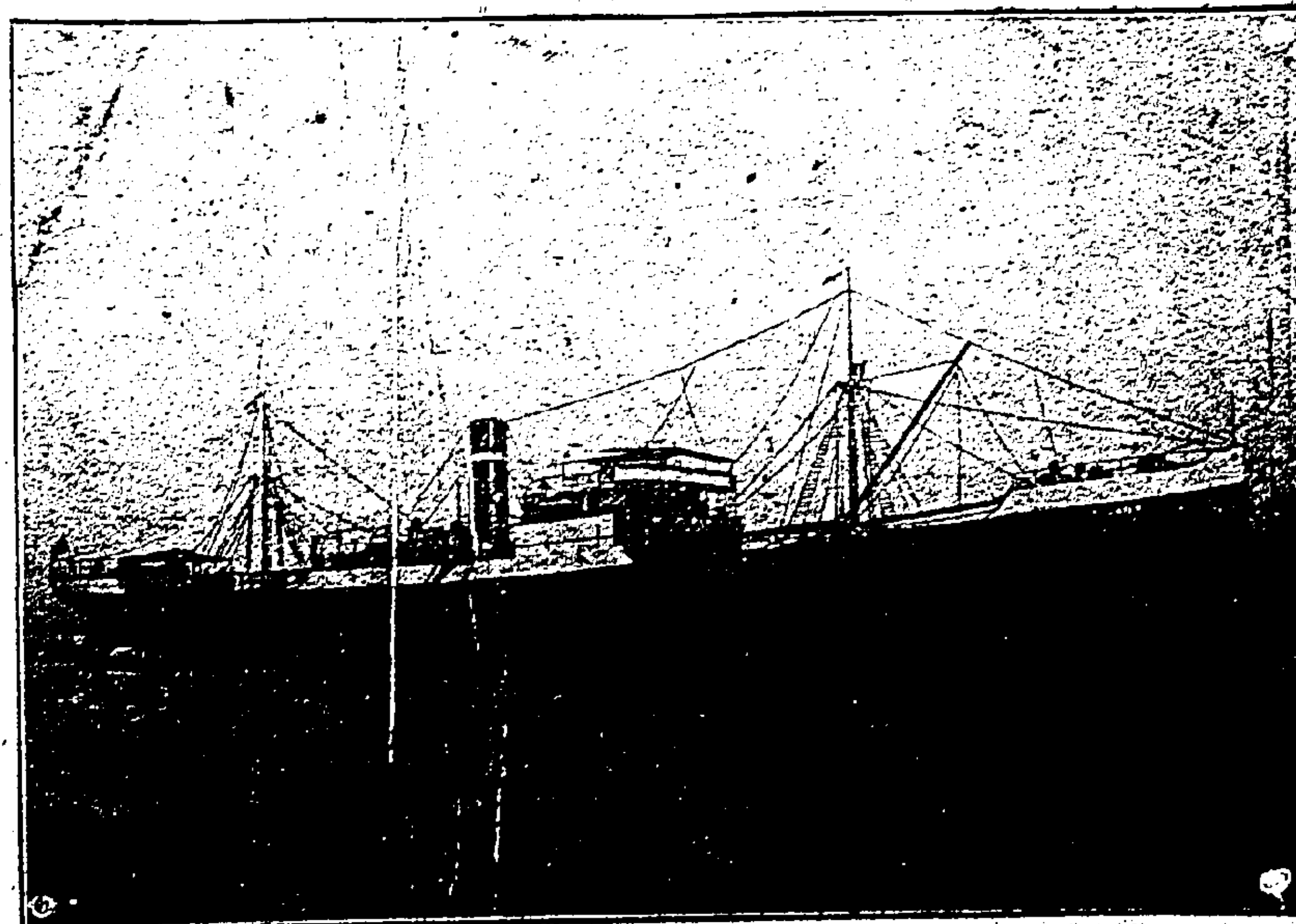
Yatsing	J. M. Co.	Feb. 19
Loongsang	J. M. Co.	Feb. 19
Cheongshing	J. M. Co.	Feb. 19
Sinkiang	B. & S.	Feb. 19
Riojun	M. D. & Co.	Feb. 20
Kaijo	O. S. K.	Feb. 22
Banca	P. & O.	Feb. 22
Kaga	N. Y. K.	Feb. 22
Haihong	D. Y. Co.	Feb. 24
Kumsang	J. M. Co.	Feb. 24
Chakassang	J. M. Co.	Feb. 24
Luchow	B. & S.	Feb. 24
Ichang	B. & S.	Feb. 24
Hangsang	J. M. Co.	Feb. 24
Ceylon	N. Y. K.	Feb. 26
Soehu	O. S. K.	Feb. 26
Muttra	P. & O.	Feb. 26
Pilsna	D. & Co.	Feb. 26
Hinsang	J. M. Co.	Feb. 27
Haiching	D. Y. Co.	Feb. 27
Banri	D. & Co.	Feb. 28
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Dunza	P. & O.	Mar. 2
Titarom	J. C. J. L.	Mar. 3
Kimanoek	J. C. J. L.	Mar. 4
Yokohama	N. Y. K.	Mar. 4
Tjikini	J. C. J. L.	Mar. 4
Shisen	P. & O.	Mar. 4
Kofuku	O. S. K.	Mar. 5
Saigon	O. S. K.	Mar. 7
Nikko	N. Y. K.	Mar. 7
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LORD INCHEAPE MAY VISIT HONG KONG.

A Reuter's telegram dated London, February 12, states:—Lord Inchcape (chairman of the P. & O. Company) is now visiting India it is understood in connection with the organisation of the P. & O. Bank. It is also reported that he will probably extend his voyage to China. If so, says the Financial News, important developments may be expected—on the nature of which the recent rise in shares of the Indo-China Navigation Company will throw some light. The newspaper declares that the ultimate connection of the two companies is almost a foregone conclusion and it may reasonably be expected that Lord Inchcape's travels will result in the pourparlers which have occurred being brought to a definite head.

MOVEMENTS OF
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The s.s. VENEZUELA Voyage 15-Out, left Shanghai for Manila on the 10th inst., and may be expected here on or about Friday February 20th.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TANGO M. (Australian Line) left Thursday Island for this port via Manila on the 8th Feb. and is expected here on the 20th Feb.

The N. Y. K. s.s. SAIKAI M. (Bombay Line) left Bombay for this port via Singapore on the 7th Feb. and is expected here on the 27th Feb.

The N. Y. K. s.s. IYO MARU (European Line) left Kobe for this port via Moji and Shanghai on the 15th Feb. and is expected here on the 24th Feb.

The P. & O. s.s. BANCA left Singapore for this port on the 15th instant at 6 a.m. and is due here on the 22nd instant at about 8 a.m.

The Ben Line s.s. BEN-RINNES from Antwerp, Middlesbrough, & London left Singapore for this port on 14th instant and may be expected to arrive here on or about 20th inst.

The s.s. VENEZUELA Voyage 15-Out, left Manila on the 17th inst., and is due here on Thursday February 19th at 4 p.m.

The s.s. LAKE GILPEN (Calcutta Line) left Saigon on the 17th inst., and may be expected here on or about Saturday Feb. 21st.

The s.s. WEST SELENE left Shanghai on the 17th inst., and is due here on Saturday Feb. 21st.

The s.s. CADDOPEAK (Calcutta Line) left Singapore on the 15th inst., and may be expected here on or about Sunday Feb. 22nd.

The N. Y. K. s.s. TANGO M. (Australian Line) left Manila for this port on the 18th Feb. and is expected here on the 20th Feb.

The N. Y. K. s.s. KAIFUKU M. (Calcutta Line) left Calcutta for this port via Penang and Singapore on the 9th Feb. and is expected here on the 29th Feb.

The R.M.S. EMPRESS OF ASIA from Hongkong on the 26th Jan arrived at Vancouver on the 9th February.

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HOLIDAYS.

NOTICE is hereby given that all FIRE INSURANCE Offices will be closed for the Transaction of Public Business on Friday and Saturday, the 20th and 21st inst.

By Order,
LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS
Secretaries.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1920.

NOTICE.

MARINE INSURANCE
"ASSOCIATION OF
HONGKONG."

CHINESE NEW YEAR
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NOTICE is hereby given that all MARINE INSURANCE Offices will be closed for the Transaction of Public Business on Friday and Saturday, the 20th and 21st inst.

By Order,
LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS
Secretaries.
Hongkong, 19th February, 1920.

NOTICE

HONGKONG BOXING
ASSOCIATION.

MARATHON RACE

Motorists are urgently requested not to use the Route over which this race is being run between 3 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. on Saturday next the 21st inst.

Course. (About 11 miles).—Out: East for about 100 yards. Then to the right, past the Hongkong Club Entrance and the Law Courts. Up Garden Road, past the Peak Tram Station, to the main entrance to the Public Gardens. Then to the right, along Upper Albert Road, past Government House. Along Cane Road, past the University. Along Pokfulam Road to Junction of Pokfulam Road and Jubilee Road. Home: Along Jubilee Road to West Point. On reaching Tram Line, turn sharp to left. Follow Tram Line along Catchik Street to the Water Front. Keep along Water Front to Winning Post. Winning Post.—This will be on the Water Front, opposite the Hongkong Club.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG CRICKET CLUB.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Members are reminded that entries close on the 25th February. Hongkong, 18th February, 1920.

NOTICE.

REPULSE BAY HOTEL.

WEDNESDAY, 18th February—Tea Dansant and Dinner Dance
FRIDAY, 20th February—Tea Dansant and Dinner Dance
SATURDAY, 21st February—Tea Dansant and Dinner Dance
EACH SUNDAY
Orchestral Concerts During Tiffin and Afternoon Tea.

NOTICE.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

In accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1912.
The Exchange Banks will be closed for the transaction of Public Business on Friday and Saturday, the 20th and 21st instant. Hongkong, 16th February, 1920.

G. R.
NOTICE.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 23rd day of Feb., 1920, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land at Shauiwan Road, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

Particulars of the Lot.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Acres, Roods, and Poles.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
Lot No. 1234.	100 feet by 100 feet.	1.0000	100/-	100/-
Lot No. 1235.	100 feet by 100 feet.	1.0000	100/-	100/-
Lot No. 1236.	100 feet by 100 feet.	1.0000	100/-	100/-
Lot No. 1237.	100 feet by 100 feet.	1.0000	100/-	100/-
Lot No. 1238.	100 feet by 100 feet.	1.0000	100/-	100/-
Lot No. 1239.	100 feet by 100 feet.	1.0000	100/-	100/-
Lot No. 1240.	100 feet by 100 feet.	1.0000	100/-	100/-
Lot No. 1241.	100 feet by 100 feet.	1.0000	100/-	100/-
Lot No. 1242.	100 feet by 100 feet.	1.0000	100/-	100/-
Lot No. 1243.	100 feet by 100 feet.	1.0000	100/-	100/-
Lot No. 1244.	100 feet by 100 feet.	1.0000	100/-	100/-
Lot No. 1245.	100 feet by 100 feet.	1.0000	100/-	100/-
Lot No. 1246.	100 feet by 100 feet.	1.0000	100/-	100/-
Lot No. 1247.	100 feet by 100 feet.	1.0000	100/-	100/-
Lot No. 1248.	100 feet by 100 feet.	1.0000	100/-	100/-
Lot No. 1249.	100 feet by 100 feet.	1.0000	100/-	100/-
Lot No. 1250.	100 feet by 100 feet.	1.0000	100/-	100/-

NOTICE.

UNIVERSAL IMPORT &
EXPORT COMPANY.

General Commission Agents
Importers - Exporters.

Hotel Mansions (Rooms No. 23, 26, 27) P.O. box 348.
Telegraphic address: UNIMPEX-COY Hongkong.
Telephone No. 3422.

During my temporary absence, Mr. LOUIS ROUFFET will be in charge of our Hongkong Office.

UNIVERSAL IMPORT &
EXPORT CO.,
J. E. de Beauchamp,
General Manager for the Far East.

Hongkong, 17th February, 1920.

NOTICE.

NEW FRENCH LOAN 5%.

Price of issue Frs 100
Redeemable at Frs: 150 in 60 years by half yearly drawings.
Interest payable on the 1st of May & 1st of November.
Drawings to take place on the 16th of March & the 16th of September of each year.
1st drawing on the 16th of September 1920. 1st coupon of Frs: 3.50 to be paid on the 1st of November 1920.
Subscriptions will be received up to the 10th of March next by the:

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE
L. Berindoague,
Manager.

NOTICE.

NEW FRENCH LOAN 5% 1920.

Under the guarantee of the French Republic
The Local Branch of the BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE DE CHINE will receive subscriptions for the New French Loan 5% 1920 from the 19th instant to the 10th of March next.
The Loan is free of income tax and redeemable in 60 Years at 15% by half-yearly drawings, the interest coupons being payable on 1st May and 1st November of each year.
Fully paid subscriptions at par
Partly paid subscriptions at 101% purporting:
Fr. 25.—when subscribing
Fr. 25.—on the 1st of April
Fr. 25.—on the 16th of July
Fr. 25.—on the 1st of August, 1920.

M. ROUET DE JOURNEL,
Manager.
Hongkong, 16th February, 1920.

NOTICE.

A. S. WATSON & CO. LTD.

CHINESE NEW YEAR
HOLIDAYS.

On Friday the 20th instant, all departments will be CLOSED.
On Saturday the 21st instant, all departments will be open for business from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.
A. S. WATSON & CO. LTD.
Hongkong, 18th February, 1920.

NOTICE.

I, Sverre Berg of Thorssen & Company, hereby give notice that in consequence of a wish to have the below-mentioned steamer carry the family name from which the name of the Figueras Steamship Co., Ltd. is derived I have applied to the Board of Trade, under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of ship "CARDIGANSHIRE" of Hongkong official number 7132 of gross tonnage 4364.73 tons, register tonnage 3336.77 tons, heretofore owned by the Figueras Steamship Co., Ltd, for permission to change her name to "PACO FIGUERAS" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hongkong as owned by the Figueras Steamship Co., Ltd. Any objections to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hongkong within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at Hongkong this 18th day of February 1920.
(SD) SVERRE BERG.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

Notice is hereby given that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of the Shareholders in this Corporation will be held at the City Hall, Hongkong, on Saturday the 28th day of February 1920, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Court of Directors together with a statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1919.

The Register of Shares of the Corporation will be closed from Monday the 16th February, to Saturday 28th February 1920, (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 10th February, 1920.

NOTICE.

We have this day admitted Mr. A. D. BARRETO, as a Partner in our Firm.

J. M. DA ROCHA & CO.
Hongkong, 17th February, 1920.

NOTICE.

CHINESE NEW YEAR
HOLIDAYS.

This Department will be entirely closed on Friday the 20th February, 1920. It will be open for all purposes till noon on Saturday, the 21st February, 1920. Licensed Warehouses will be entirely closed on these dates.
C. W. BECKWITH,
Superintendent.
Imports and Exports.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC
COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

Notice is hereby given that the Transfer Books of the above named Company will be closed from Monday the 23rd day of February 1920 to Saturday the 28th day of February 1920 both days inclusive.

Dated this 16th day of February 1920.
By Order of the Board,
GIBB LIVINGSTON & CO.
Agents.

NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG TUTORIAL &
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE

43, Bonham Road.

Opposite the University
Tel. No. 732. P.O. Box, 593.
Principal

JOHN P. JONES, B.Sc., M.I. Min. E.
The Institute affords Special Preparation (Class and Private, Day and Evening, Oral and Correspondence) for University Matriculation and Degree Examinations.

New Session has now commenced. Tutorial Classes are being conducted in English, Mathematics, Trigonometry, Mechanics, Physics, Chemistry, History, Geography, Latin and French, for Hongkong University July Examinations. Private Tuition can also be had in these subjects.

Prospectus on application.

THEATRE

ROYAL.

HONGKONG.

UNITED SERVICES VARIETY CONCERT PARTY.

A GRAND CONCERT

In Aid of the Widow of the late WARDER SPEED.

Under the distinguished Patronage of

H. E. The Governor Sir R. E. STUBBS, K.C.M.G.
The Admiral Sir A. M. DUFF, K.C.B.
Major General F. VENTRIS, C.B.
Hon. Dr. CLAUD SEVERN, C.M.G.
Hon. Mr. E. D. C. WOLFE.

Will be held on
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1920,
at 9 p.m. sharp.

Prices \$3, \$2 & \$1. Booking at MOUTRIE'S.

BENEFIT.

In Aid of the WIDOW of the late WARDER SPEED.

GOMIC FANCY DRESS FOOTBALL MATCH

will be played

ON THE

HONGKONG FOOTBALL CLUB'S GROUND

ON

FRIDAY, February 20th, 1920,
Kick Off at 3.30 p.m.

Admission to Grand Stand \$1.00.

Collection will be taken for the WIDOW of the late WARDER SPEED.

By kind permission of Col. Wyndham and Officers of the White Horse Regt. The Band of the Wills will be in attendance.

NOW READY.

1920

HONGKONG DIRECTORY,
DIARY AND BLOTTER

PRICE \$3.00

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SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST, LTD.
3, Wyndham Street. Tel. 440.

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SELLING.

5/10	5/10
Demand	5/10 1/4
30 d/s	5/10 3/8
60 d/s	5/10 1/2
4 m/s	5/10 3/4
T/T Shanghai	Nom.
T/T Singapore	250 1/2
T/T Japan	205
T/T India	215
Demand, India	215
T/T San Francisco	98
& New York	

T/T Java	259
T/T Marks	Nom.
T/T France	14 1/10
Demand, Paris	

BUYING.

4 m/s. L/C	6 1/4
4 m/s. D/P	6 1/8
6 m/s. L/C	6 1/8
30 d/s. Sydney and Melbourne	6 1/4
30 d/s. San Francisco & New York	99 1/4
4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. France	14 60
6 m/s. France	14 75
Demand, Germany	
Demand, New York	215
T/T Bombay	215
Demand, Bombay	
T/T Calcutta	215
Demand, Calcutta	
Demand, Manila	199 1/2
Demand, Singapore	250 1/2
On Haiphong	Nom.
On Saigon	Nom.
On Bangkok	Nom.
Sovereign	3 40 Nom.
Gold leaf per Tael	29 40
Bar Silver, ready	84
forward	82

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

DISCOUNT PER \$100:	
H'kong, 50 cent pieces	\$5 pm.
" 10 "	\$9 pm.
" 5 "	\$65 pm.
Canton coins	\$2 1/2 pm.

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on February 1, 1920.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

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W. CHATHAM.

Water Act 1917.

SCOTS BUDDHIST PRIEST.

A native of Berwick has been living as a Buddhist priest in a Siamese temple for many years. Mr. John Hogg, a Berwick man who is in the Consular service and at present home from Siam on leave, made this statement to the *Berwick Journal*. The discovery was made through the man being reported to the British Legation.

MARINE COURT ENQUIRY.

STRANDING OF HONG WAN I.

A Marine Court of Enquiry was held this morning into the stranding of Hong Wan I. The following composed the Court:—Captain Basil Taylour, R.N. (President), Lt. H. F. Curry, R.N. (H.M.S. Alacrity), Captain S. Robinson (Empress of Russia), Captain E. Walker, (s.s. Morialta), Captain F. Mooney (s.s. Laisang).

The Hong Wan I. grounded on the rocks in the outer harbour of Amoy. The passengers were re-landed while a Chinese man-of-war was standing by the stranded vessel. The vessel cleared from Amoy on January 9th, for Singapore via Swatow, with general cargo and 1,113 Chinese passengers. She left the berth at about 6.30 p.m. and according to the record she ran on the rocks to the north-east of Tsing-sen Lighthouse at 7.30 p.m. The ship's papers were handed to the safe custody of the captain of the Chinese cruiser Ying Wei.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., appeared for the master of the Hong Wan I, while Mr. D. H. Blake represented the owners, the Ho Hong Co., and the local agents, the Ho Hong Co.

Mr. Pollock said:—In this matter I appear for the master and Mr. Blake appears to watch the case for the owners. I would like to say that of course we should require technical proof that this case comes within the Ordinance, and that this ship was technically a British ship under the Colonial Ordinance.

Captain Taylour:—There is no Colonial ship. Mr. Pollock:—Technically to prove the ship came within the definition of a British ship, my friend would have to prove two things: first, that this is a boat incorporated in the Straits Settlements, and secondly, that the Company's principal business is carried on within the British Dominions. I would like to point that out.

Captain Taylour:—I think the proof is the other way about, if you turn to page 26, footnote (a) of the Merchant Shipping Acts. This vessel holds a Register certificate, which is in this office. I think it is up to you to prove that the owners are not British. The certificate of Register is prima facie evidence that the ship is a British ship.

Mr. Pollock:—I would submit that that is a certificate of register in the United Kingdom.

Capt. Taylour:—It is not a matter of Colonial register, but a British certificate of registration under the Merchant Shipping Act.

The certificate of registration was produced.

The Court was satisfied that the Hong Wan I was a British ship under the Ordinance.

Captain H. P. Robinson said he was master of the Hong Wan I for five months. The ship stranded on the evening of the 9th January outside the harbour.

He was sailing from Singapore to Amoy. There was a general cargo of 500 to 600 tons and over 1,113 Chinese passengers, first, second and third. He took the course round the right channel. The pilot left at 6.30 p.m. When the pilot left, witness and the second officer were on the bridge. The weather was very hazy, with a light air from the north-east. There were two lights from Amoy, one the Tyatam and the other the Singu. He dropped the pilot there. From there he set the course S.E. 43. That would have carried him a quarter of a mile from the Singu island. From the time the pilot left the ship he did not see the Tyatam light as it was covered by haze. Just

after the pilot left, witness saw the Singu light for a few seconds. He did not see the Singu light until a few seconds before striking the rock.

How do you account for striking the Tousea rocks?—I attribute the striking of the ship to a strong set up to the north-east.

Continuing, the Captain said the vessel stranded on the rocks to the north-west of Hongwa at 7.30. The tide was ebb. After the vessel stranded the first thing he did was to stop the engines, and to lower the lights. He fired distress rockets. He sent the second officer the next morning when he got no reply to his distress signals and got tug and lighters from Amoy. No life was lost.

Assistance came from Hongkong. The vessel was patched up and brought to Hongkong. The ship got off the rocks on the 21st. The No. 3 bulkhead was strengthened and the ship was towed off by the tug, Taikoo and came under her own steam. She was now in Aberdeen docks, undergoing repairs. While the ship was on the rocks, the ebb was north-east and the flood south-west. He attributed the grounding to the current flowing to the north-east.

There was very extensive damage to No. 1 hold. The vessel was badly holed underneath that hold. The cargo in No. 1 hold was jettisoned. It was badly damaged. The cargo in No. 2 hold was not damaged. The No. 2 cargo was put aft. The load in the stern at low water was 81 feet.

Captain Taylour:—Eighty-one! Good gracious! What was the ship drawing when you were drawing?—16.3 forward and 18.6 forward or leaving Amoy.

When did you verify the compass?—Just before going to Amoy. It was dark when we left.

By the Court:—How do you know that this was the position in the chart?—It could not have been very far, as we dropped the pilot near the land. When he left I could see the lights when I set the course. Then I lost sight of the lights.

Did you use the leads?—I had them handy, but I did not use them. I could not get tross bearings. The compass was done in Hongkong three months ago. I verified it.

What speed were you going near Singu?—About nine knots, working up to 11 and 12. That

was directly after we dropped the pilot.

To Mr. Pollock, the Captain said quite a number of the crew left the ship when the ship struck. They left as soon as the vessel came from Amoy. Among them were the quarter master and the look-out. Witness tried through the British Consul at Amoy to arrest them. The crowd that deserted took a life boat and went to the Tyatam island. They landed at Tyatam and deserted the ship. He got the boat, which was deserted, by a Japanese vessel.

Martino Gagno, second officer, examined, said he was on the bridge when the pilot left. The course they were steering was S. 43 E. While on board he did not watch the compass. He went into the skipper's room and wrote the log. After writing up the log, he read the course on the chart. That course would have taken them half-a-mile from Singu Island. When the pilot left, the Singu light was faintly visible. He did not see the Tyatam light, which was completely obscured. About five minutes past seven he went down to dinner. He was down there until the ship struck. The stranding, he should think, was caused by the tide. During the time the ship was on the rocks for twelve days he took the soundings. The flood tide set towards the south-west and the ebb tide towards the north-east.

The Court:—When the master set his course on the south-west, did you see the Singu light?—Yes.

Mr. Pollock said:—That is the whole case. We submit that there was this current which set north-east through the ebb tide. That does not rest on the fact that on this account the ship was carried to the north-east. The Captain had the fullest opportunity during the twelve days of seeing it. The Captain has said that the ebb tide had set to the north-east, and the flood the south-west. With regard to the casualties, as the Captain has told the Court, there was no loss of life and no body damaged, so far as the skipper knows. We submit that unfortunately the skipper followed the chart. The chart does not show the ebb tide that set to the north-east. The Captain went by the chart. Unfortunately, the arrows in the chart showing the current were not correct.

The Court delivered the following finding:—"We find that the British s.s. Hong Wan I, O.N. 73866 of Singapore, master Herbert Percy Robinson, the number of whose certificate of competency as master is 3701 (Singapore), left Kulangs harbour, Amoy, at 6.30 p.m. on January 9, 1920, on a voyage to Swatow, with a general cargo and 1,113 Chinese passengers. That the weather was foggy, and though at the time the pilot was dropped the light on Tsing Seu Island was visible at a distance of five miles, nothing was visible shortly afterwards. That the ship struck on the rocks to the north-west of Hwangwa Island at 7.30 p.m. We consider that the cause of the casualty was an unexpected easterly set, which carried the ship one mile out of her course. We are of opinion that, although the master was justified in relying upon the arrows, indicating the set of the tides, marked on Admiralty Chart No. 1767, he was ill-advised in continuing on his course under the circumstances which included the fact that the fog obscured all marks, and in proceeding at full speed in such narrow waters, after losing sight of the light which he was approaching. There being no evidence of negligence or of incompetency or misconduct on the part of the Master or other officer of the ship, and all necessary steps for the safety of the ship, cargo and passengers having been taken after the stranding, we do not consider it necessary to deal with the certificates of competency."

HOOPER FOR PRESIDENT?

New York, Jan. 22. The *World* has announced in an editorial its support of Mr. Hoover for President regardless of his party ticket. The announcement has caused a decided sensation in political circles throughout the country. The interesting points are, first, that the *World* is understood to be the organ of the Wilson Administration; second, that Mr. Hoover did not announce himself as a candidate though he is popular among the people; third, Mr. Hoover's political ticket is unknown; the Democrats claim that he is a Democrat but the Republicans make a contrary claim.

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS

That's What We'd Call a Big Hint!

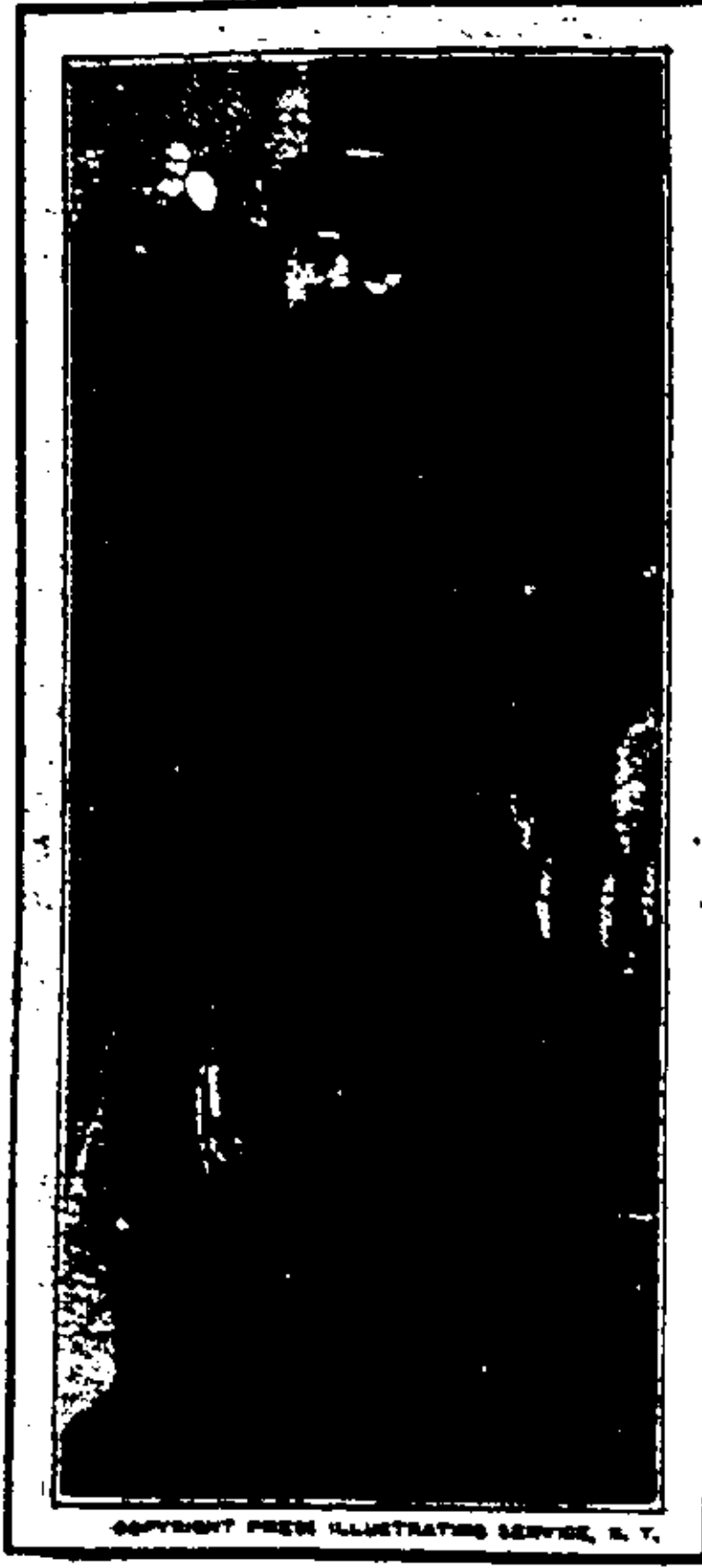
BY BLOSSER.



TO-DAY'S PICTURES.



Above is seen New York's Arch of Victory, costing \$40,000, which is now being torn down.



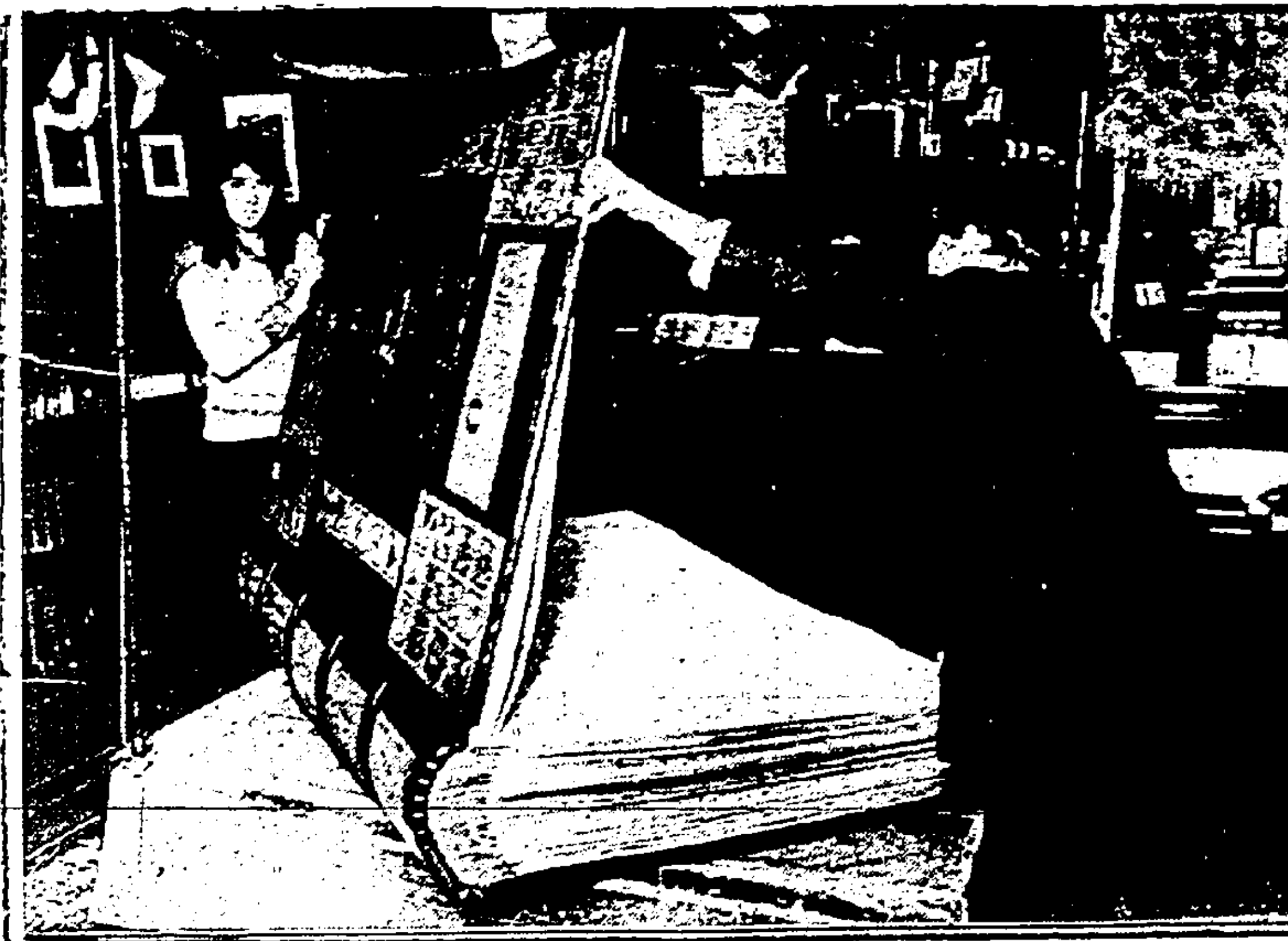
Miss Mary Louise Conan Doyle, daughter of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the famous author of detective stories.



M. Poincaré of France was honoured in Glasgow recently by being installed as Lord Rector of the Glasgow University. He is here shown leaving the University Hall wearing the robes of his honorary office.



Mr. George MacDonald, the well-known British fight promoter, who has arrived in America in connection with the Dempsey-Carpentier fight.



Above is a photo of the largest book in the world, which is a hand-written Bible. It is 5 feet 2 inches high and 3 feet 5 inches broad. More than 12,000 individuals helped to make it.



Maurice Maeterlinck, the famous Belgian poet, and his wife.

DOINGS OF THE DUFFS

Danny is a Philosopher—

BY ALLMAN



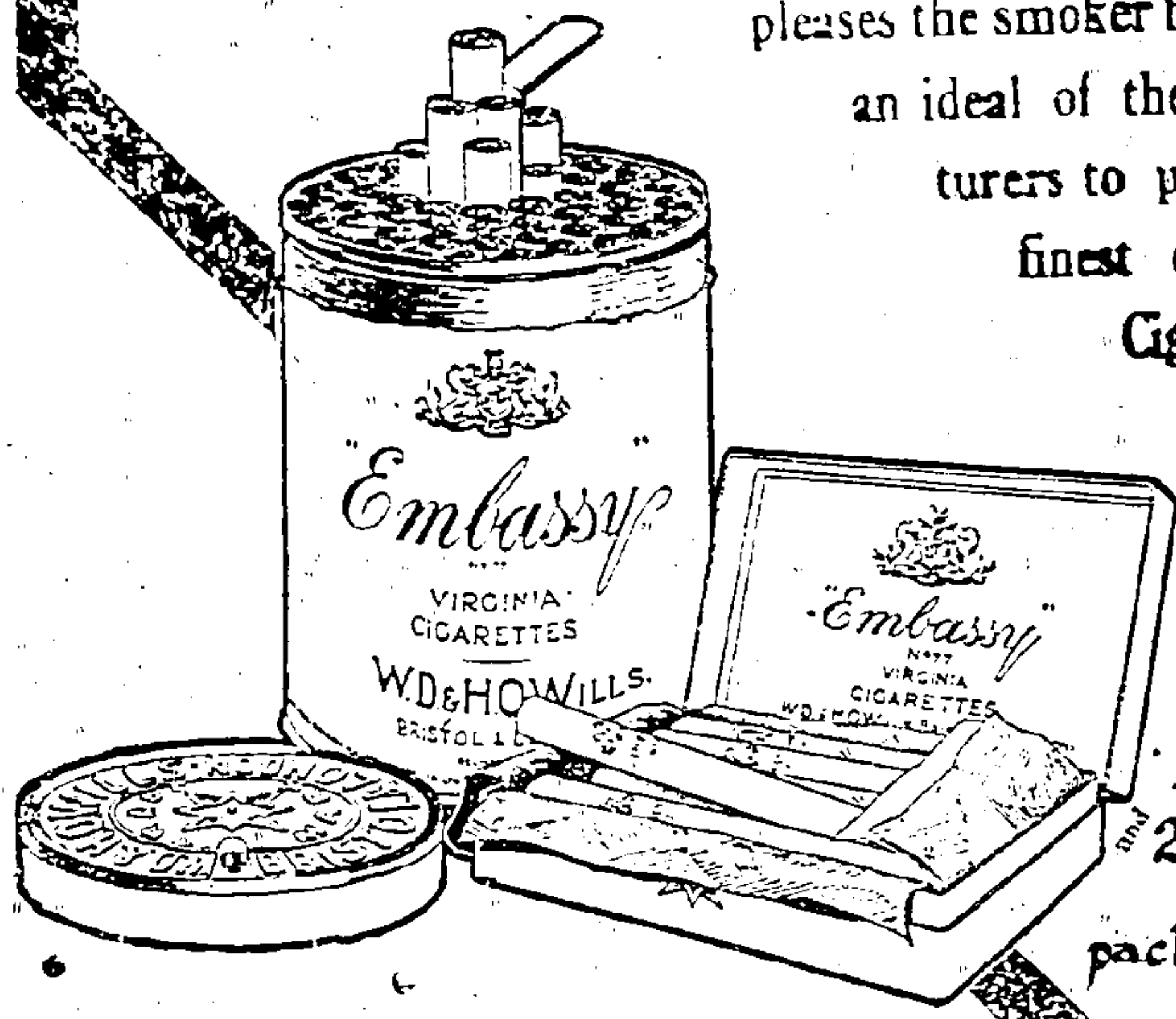
NOTICES.

Embassy

Virginia Cigarettes

Finest Quality

The kind of quality that not only pleases the smoker but gratifies an ideal of the manufacturers to produce the finest of Virginia Cigarettes.



Sold in tins of 50's
25 Cigarettes
also packets of 10's

This Advertisement is issued by British American Tobacco Co. (China) Ltd.

TO-DAY'S SHARE QUOTATIONS.

OFFICIAL PRICES

Banks.	
H.K. & S. Banks	\$500
Marine Insurances.	
Cantons	n. 380
North China	n. 160
Unions	n. 170
Yangtzes	n. 260
Far Easterns	n. 19
Fire Insurances.	
China Fires	n. 138
H. K. Fires	n. 300
Shipping.	
Douglases	s. 89
H.K. Steamboats	n. 20
Indos (Pref.)	n. 20
Indos (Def.)	n. 205
Shells	s. 250
Ferries	s. 29
Refineries.	
Sugars	n. 201
Malabons	s. 47 cum div.
Mining.	
Kailans	s. 140
Langkats	n. 112
Shanghai Loans	n. 112
Shai Explorations	n. 1
Raubs	b. 45
Tronchs	n. 30
Ural Caspians	n. 30
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c.	
H.K. Wharves	b. 146
K. Docks	n. 103
Shai Docks	b. 2745
N. Engineerings	b. 2745
Lands, Hotel & Buildings.	
Centrals	s. 107
H.K. Hotels	n. 115
L. Invest.	n. 1095
H. Phreys Est.	n. ex div. 7
K'loon Lands	n. 50
L. Reclamations	n. 133
West Points	n. 58
Cotton Mills.	
Ewoe	b. 1515
Kung Yiks	b. 44
Lau Kung Mows	b. 450
Oriental	b. 280
Shai Cottons	b. 310
Yangtzepeeps	b. 3214
Miscellaneous.	
Cements	b. 64
China Borneos	n. 17
Do. Light old sa.	714 new b. 544
China Providents	n. 750
Dairy Farms	b. 20 s. 22
Electric H. K. n. cum rights	88
Electric Macao	n. 34
Hongkong Ropes	b. 25 s. 27
Hk. Tramways	s. 614
Peak Trams, old	s. 7
Do. new	s. 80 cts.
Steam Laundries	b. 314
Steel Foundries	n. 10
Water-works	b. 11
Watsons	b. 5
Wm. Powells	b. 12
Wisemans	b. 2714

Hongkong, Feb. 19, 1920.

WEATHER REPORT.

February 19th. 1920. 22m. No. 7000. The weather is generally clear and calm. The temperature is 70° F. at 10 a.m. and 75° F. at 4 p.m. The wind is light and variable. The sea is calm.

The anticyclone is probably moving eastward. Strong monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day. 0.22 inch. Total since January 1st. 2.37 inches. against an average of 1.53 inches. FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District. Forecast. N.E. winds, strong, overcast, occasional rain.

1 Hongkong to Gap Rock. The same as No. 1.

2 Formosa Channel. The same as No. 1.

3 South coast of China. The same as No. 1.

4 South coast of China. The same as No. 1.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director. Hongkong Observatory, Feb. 19, 1920.

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VESSELS ARRIVED.

The s.s. DRUFAR, brought 2,250 tons of coal from Hongay. She is a Norwegian vessel under the agency of Messrs. Thoresen & Co.—Mooring, C 33.

The TANERED, consigned to the Robert Dollar Company, brought 500 tons from Manila yesterday afternoon.

The Japanese vessel RIOJUN MARU, arrived this morning from Kobe via Moji with 4,250 tons of cement and 180 tons of oak. Her agents are Messrs. Dodwell & Co.—Mooring, E 3.

POST OFFICE.

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS.

The Post Office will be entirely closed on Friday, 20th February. There will be no delivery, or collection of correspondence from the Pillar Boxes. Non-Boxholders may, however, obtain their ordinary correspondence on application at the enquiry Counter at the South-west corner of the G. P. O.

On Saturday, 21st February, the Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. and there will be one delivery of ordinary and registered correspondence, and one collection of correspondence from the Pillar Boxes, on that day.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

The Branch Offices will be closed all day on Friday the 20th February.

On Saturday the 21st Feb., they will be open as on Sundays and Holidays.

There will be no mail service to and from CHEUNGCHOW, on the 22nd inst., as the CHEUNGCHOW launch will not run on that day.

INWARD MAILS.

Saigon—Per SODEGAURA M., 19th Feb.

U.S.A., Japan and Manila—Per VENEZUELA, 19th Feb.

Manila and Australia—Per TANGO M., 20th Feb.

Saigon—Per LAKE GILPEN, 21st Feb.

Shanghai—Per WEST SELENE, 21st Feb.

Shanghai—Per ICHANG, 21st Feb.

Straits—Per KAGA M., 21st Feb.

Straits—Per BANCA, 22nd Feb.

Straits—Per CADDOPEAK, 22nd Feb.

Japan—Per IYO M., 24th Feb.

Hongkong—Per HANYANG, 25th Feb.

Bombay—Per SAIKAI M., 27th Feb.

Straits and Calcutta—Per KAI-FUKU M., 29th Feb.

OUTWARD MAILS.

Japan via Nagasaki—Per TAN-GO MARU, 21st Feb., 9 a.m.

Macao—Per SUI TAI, 21st Feb., 1.15 p.m.

SUNDAY, 22ND FEBRUARY.

Macao—Per SUI AN, 22nd Feb., 8.15 a.m.

Shanghai, North China & Japan via Kobe—Per KAGA M., 22nd Feb., 9 a.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Formosa via Keelung—Per KAIJO M., 22nd Feb., 9 a.m.

Philippine Islands, Shanghai N. China, Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America and EUROPE VIA VICTORIA B. C.—Per KASHIMA M., 22nd Feb., 9 a.m.

MONDAY, 23RD FEBRUARY.

Macao—Per SUI AN, 23rd Feb., 8.15 a.m.

Haiphong, Saigon, Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE VIA SUEZ—Per ATLAS MARU, 23rd Feb., 9.15 a.m.

Letters 10 a.m.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE VIA LIVERPOOL—Per DEMODOCUS, 23rd Feb., Reg. 9.15 a.m. Letters 10 a.m.

Shanghai, North China & Japan via Nagasaki, Canada, United States, Central and South America, & EUROPE VIA SAN FRANCISCO—Per KOREA MARU, 23rd Feb., Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 p.m.

Macao—Per CHUNCHOW, 23rd Feb., 4.15 p.m.

Europe via Negapatam—Per YATSHING, 19th Feb.

TUESDAY, 24TH FEBRUARY.

Swatow and Bangkok—Per LUCHOW, 24th Feb., 8 a.m.

Macao—Per SUI TAI, 24th Feb., 8.15 a.m.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE VIA SUEZ—Per LAOMEDON, 24th Feb., Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

The Parcel Mail will be closed on Monday, 23rd Feb., at 5 p.m.

Swatow, Amoy & Foochow—Per HAIHONG, 24th Feb., noon.

Swatow, Shanghai and N. China—Per ICHANG, 24th Feb., 3 p.m.

Macao—Per CHUNCHOW, 24th Feb., 4.15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, 25TH FEBRUARY.

Macao—Per SUI AN, 25th Feb., 8.15 a.m.

Straits, Bangkok, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhanushkodi, Egypt & EUROPE VIA MARSEILLES—Per IYO MARU, 25th Feb., Reg. 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.

Macao—Per CHUNCHOW, 25th Feb., 4.15 p.m.

THURSDAY, 26TH FEBRUARY.

Macao—Per SUI TAI, 26th Feb., 8.15 a.m.

Shanghai and North China—Per SUNNING, 26th Feb., 11 a.m.

Macao—Per CHUNCHOW, 26th Feb., 4.15 p.m.